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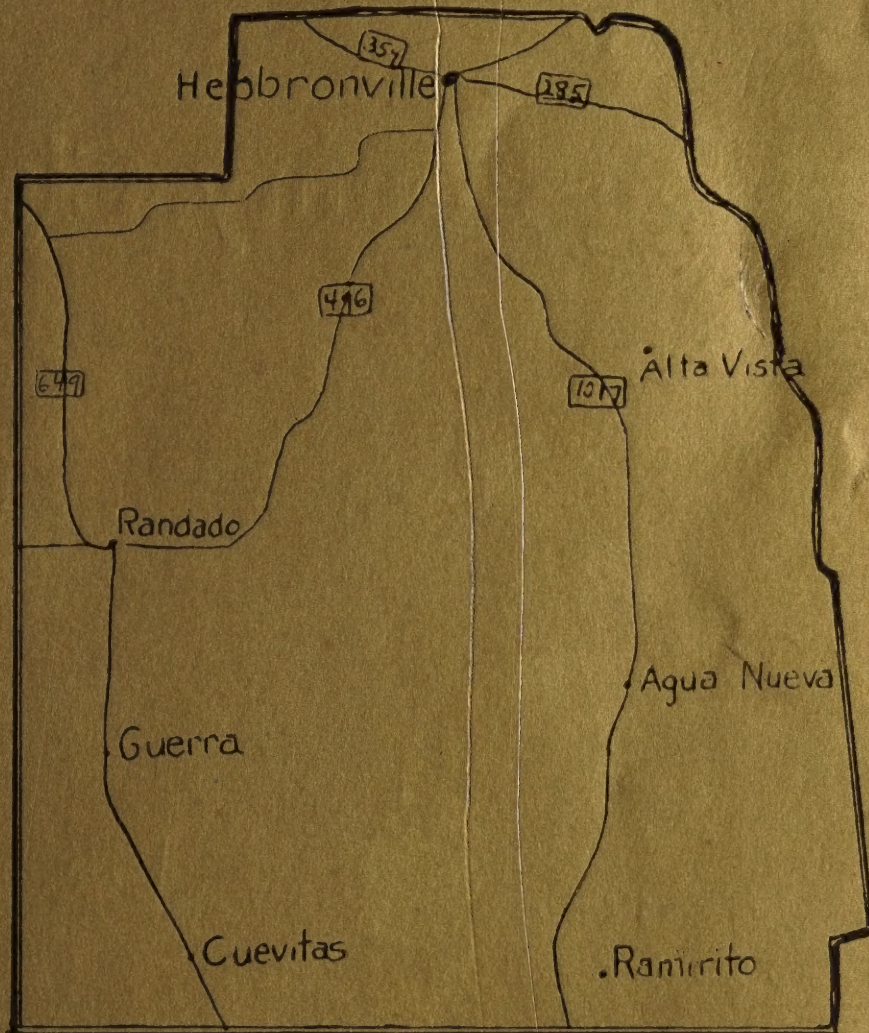
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JIM HOGG COUNTY



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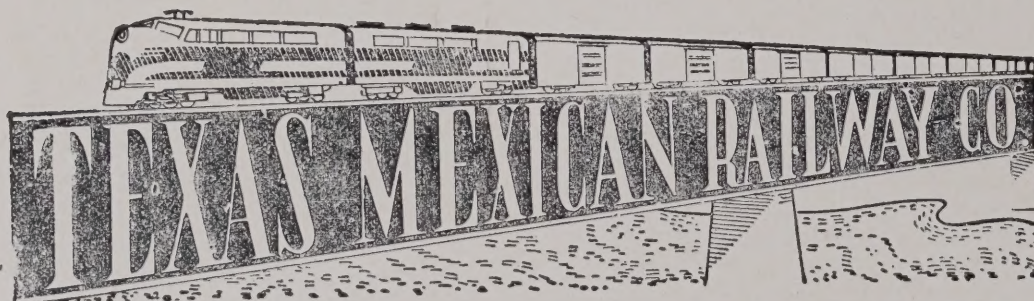
50th Anniversary Greetings

To All

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# The Hebbbronville Chamber of Commerce

## 1958 - 1963

### *Welcome . . . .*

Friends, neighbors, and folks we're just now meeting——

The Hebbbronville Chamber of Commerce bids you welcome:

To our city,

To our celebration of the

50th anniversary of Jim Hogg County.

Our program has been planned to provide . . . .

The most entertainment, and the most pleasure,

For the most people, in the most ways——

Our wish, is for your whole-hearted enjoyment . . . . both

Our citizens, and guests——

And, that all the visitors will travel back to see us soon.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Remmert, President

Manuel Bozada, Vice President

Bryan B. Gonzalez, Treasurer

Quita Mitchell, Exec. Vice-pres.  
and Gen. Mgr.

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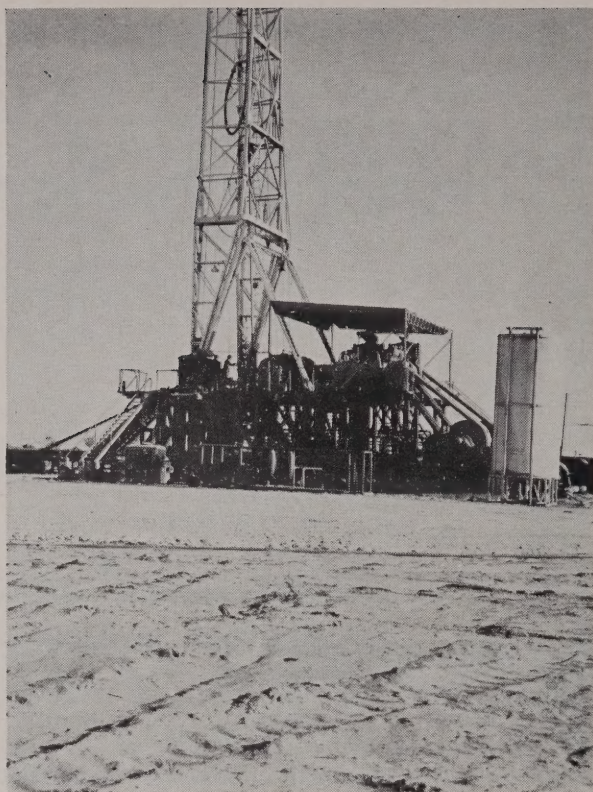
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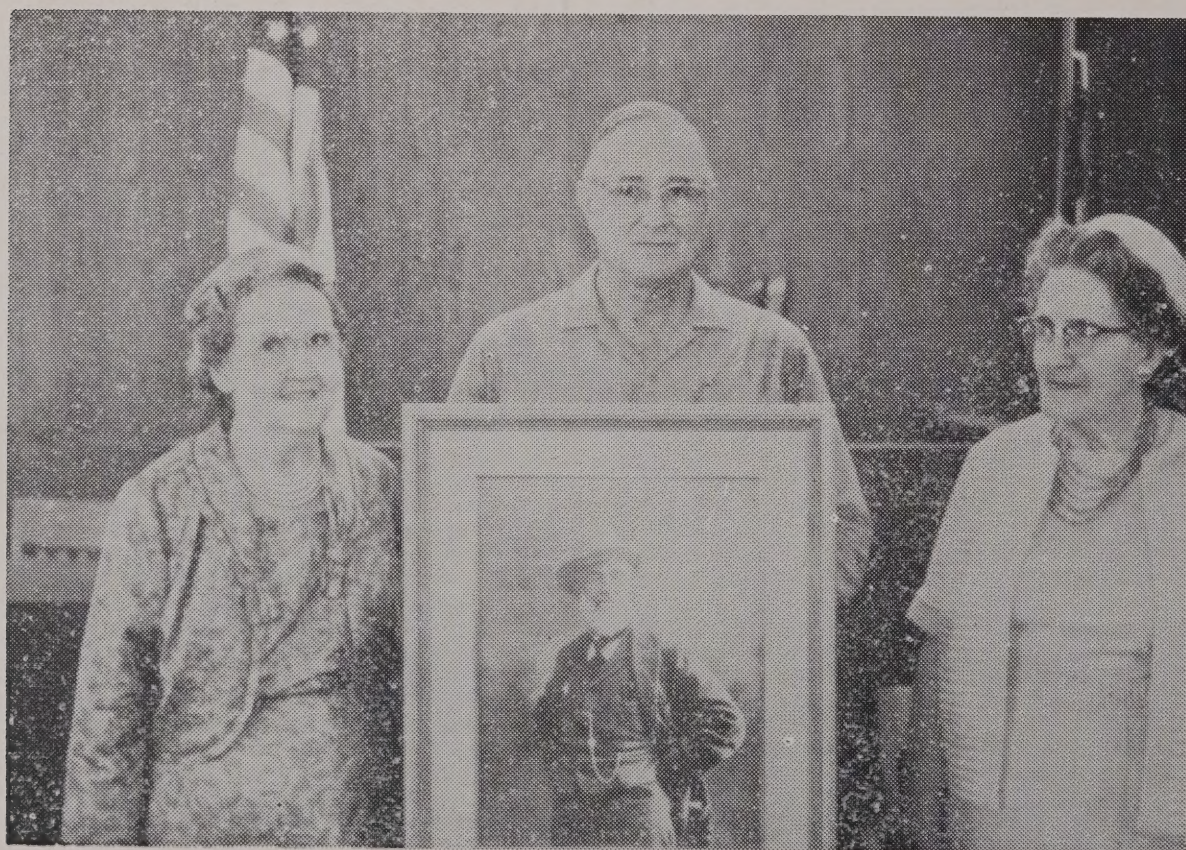
### *On This Our Golden Anniversary-*

We, the people of Jim Hogg County,  
pause in our onward march  
to pay tribute to our past  
and to welcome our future.

Recognizing always our debt to our forefathers,  
we do, with pride and pleasure,  
dedicate this book, to  
Miss Ima Hogg  
Mrs. Eleanor Hebbbron Rast  
and Mrs. Hortense Hebbbron Sexton,  
living descendants of two fine men  
whose names mean so much to us.



JAMES HEBBRON AND SONS — 1906



MR. HEBBRON'S PICTURE PRESENTED TO COURT HOUSE



 JAMES STEPHEN HOGG — (1851 — 1906)

## *Our County Bears A Proud Name*

Our County bears a proud name. James Stephen Hogg, who became governor in 1891, was the first native son to reach that office, and he served four years in the capacity.

Truly a self-made man, for his father died when Jim Hogg was only twelve, he studied law and entered politics. He was County Attorney, a District Attorney, and Attorney General before his election as chief executive. He made a fortune in oil and his philanthropic works were many.

After his death in 1906 his children continued to be a credit to the state, giving generously to every worthy cause.

History has named him one of the best governors this state has ever had, and we are proud to be called residents of Jim Hogg County.



"The memory of his unselfish service will live in the hearts of Texas people long after the pecan and walnut trees he loved are withered and decayed."

Judge E. R. Kone

JAMES R. HEBBRON — (1828 — 1926)



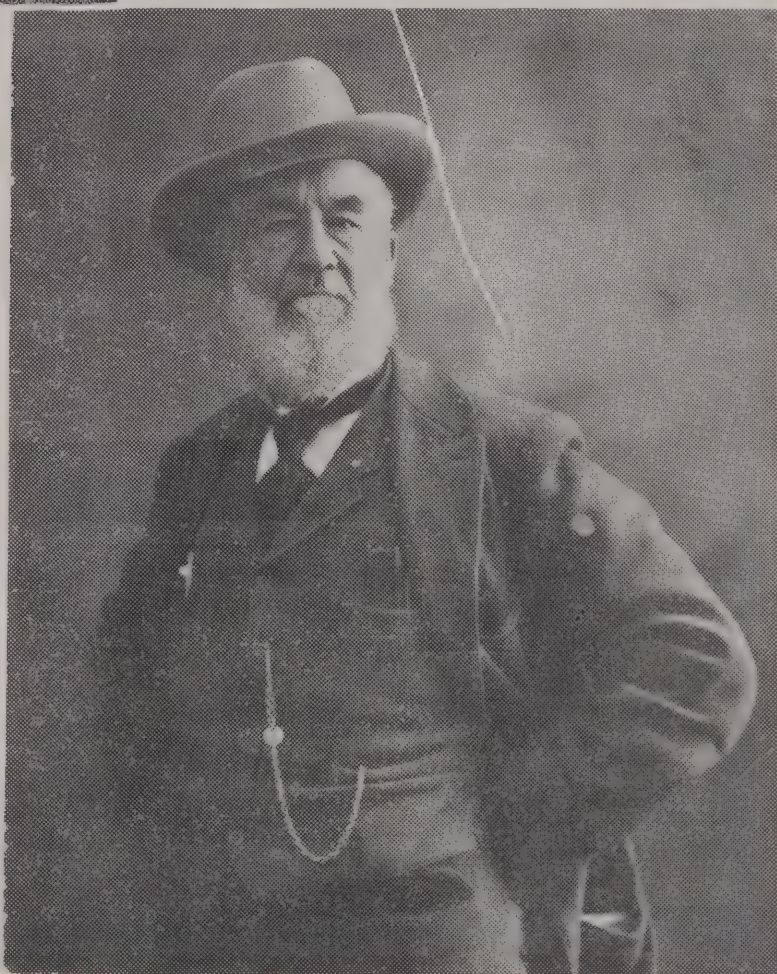
## *Hebbronville Bears The Name*

Hebbronville bears the name of a man whose career at its twilight was more colorful than western skies

James R. Hebbroon was born in London, England in 1828 and spent most of his life in California arriving there in 1852. He was a pioneer miner, dairyman, sheep and cattle man.

He was much interested in this section of Texas where he acquired a sizable ranch which was managed by his son, Arthur.

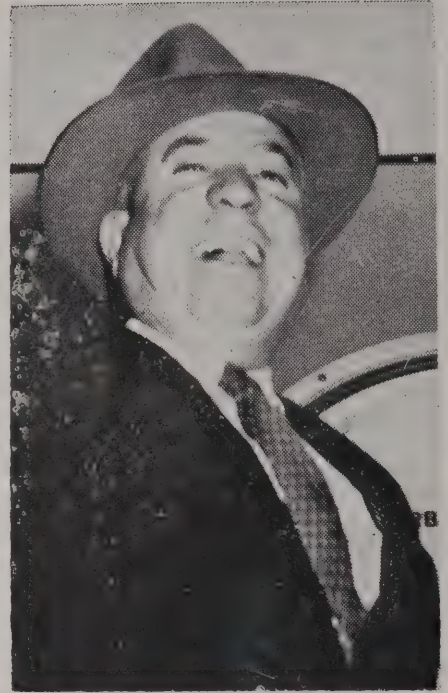
Mr. Hebbroon was known as the "Father of the California Rodeo" and is said to have been the founder of the Republican Party in Monterey County, California. He died at the age of 98 years, "the grand old man of Monterey County" who gave our town his name.



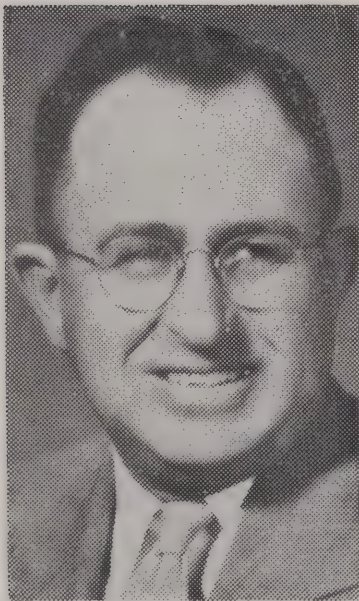
## Chamber of Commerce Presidents



1953 — JACK FULBRIGHT — FIRST PRESIDENT



1959 — JULIAN GOMEZ, JR.  
SECOND PRESIDENT



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WHO SERVED AS 2ND AND 3RD  
PRESIDENT, 1960 AND 1961 — AND  
IS TODAY THE 6TH PRESIDENT

1963



1962 — CHESTER HUFF — FIFTH PRESIDENT

## Chamber of Commerce

On January 16th, 1953, thirty-five businessmen voted unanimously to form the first Chamber of Commerce of the City of Hebbronville.

Since its organization, the Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the Watermelon Festival each summer. This festival complete with parade, a fiesta and a Watermelon Queen and her court of Maids, has brought many visitors to the community and helped make Hebbronville one of the Watermelon Capitols of the state.

The first Queen Melonie was Carmen Laurel, and succeeding queens were, Nanette Huff, Sue Jo Cannon, Robbie Colwell, Judy Leatherberry and Bertha Danmier.

Indirectly the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in the founding of the Livestock Auction and has backed all other progressive moves for the city.

Jack Fulbright was elected the first president of the Chamber and since that time Julian Gomez, Jr., Otto Remmert, and Chester Huff have also served in this position. Mr. Remmert is currently filling the post.

This anniversary celebration is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and is proof positive of the interest its members have in the county.

Quita Mitchell is executive vice president and General Manager of the Chamber.



CARMEN LAUREL — QUEEN MELONIE I — 1958

Nanette Huff was Queen Melonie II and also a pirate in Corpus Christi Buccaneer Days



BERTHA DANMIER — 1963 QUEEN MELONIE VI





SUE JO CANNON — QUEEN MELONIE III — 1960

## WATERMELON FESTIVAL QUEENS

Miss Carmen Laurel, Queen Melonie I, graduated from Hebbronville High School the next year, 1959. She married Beto Almaraz, and they are the parents of a daughter. They reside in California.

Miss Nanette Huff, Queen Melonie II, graduated from Hebbronville High School in 1962. She married David Bigelow of Bruni, and they are at present in Oklahoma, where he is serving in the United States Air Corps.

Miss Sue Jo Cannon, Queen Melonie III, graduated from Hebbronville High School in 1961. She married Jerry Hay and they are the parents of a son. They reside in Houston.

Miss Robbie Colwell, Queen Melonie IV, graduated from Hebbronville High School, in 1963, and is a student at Durham's Business College in Corpus Christi.

Miss Judy Leatherberry, Queen Melonie V, graduated from Hebbronville High School in 1963, and has enrolled as a student at A. & I. College, Kingsville.

Miss Bertha Danmier, Queen Melonie VI, of 1963, is a Junior at Hebbronville High School.

Did you know that the first High School graduates of Hebbronville were Virginia Stetson (Edds) and Annie Roach (Beeman), class of 1920?

Did you know the first couple married in the Catholic Church were Don Tomas Barrera and Doña Martinita P. de Barrera in 1900?

COMPLIMENTS  
OF  
SELF CULTURE CLUB  
1919 — 1963

CENIZO GARDEN CLUB  
CONGRATULATES  
JIM HOGG COUNTY  
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



ROBBIE COLWELL — 1961 QUEEN MELONIE IV

On Monday, October 8th, 1962, County Judge Ray Holbein and other members of the Court were presented with a 24"x20" picture of Mr. James R. Hebbbron after whom the town of Hebbbronville was named. Presenting the picture were Mrs. Eleanor Hebbbron Rast and Mrs. Hortense Hebbbron Sexton, granddaughters of Mr. Hebbbron. Mrs. Rast lived in Hebbbronville back in 1896 when she was only one year old. She visited in Hebbbronville in July of 1962 for the first time, and was very pleased with the progress of this town.

In accepting this picture, which will be hung in the Courtroom, Judge Holbein expressed his thanks and said "We are proud of having this picture".

Mr. Chester Huff was Master of Ceremonies.

Present for the presentation were Mrs. Eleanor Hebbbron Rast and Mrs. Hortense Hebbbron Sexton, Mr. A. M. Sexton, County Judge Ray Holbein, County Commissioner S. Gutierrez, A. Muñoz, Antonio Perez and Antonio Garza, Mrs. Raquel Vela-Vasquez, Mrs. Rosa R. Anaya, Mr. Chester H. Huff representing the local Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Alton Hafer representing the Rotary Club, Mr. Elmer J. Lunz, Mr. Thomas Stefson, Jr., Mrs. Roy Yaeger, Mrs. L. L. David, Mrs. Helen S. Harbison, Mrs. Robert J. Hunter, Miss Celia Leal.

Did you know that Roy Yaeger went to San Antonio years ago when electric lights were a novelty, and when he was ready for bed, he discovered he did not know how to turn the light off— well, Roy was not to be con-founded, he just stuck his cowboy boot up around the bulb and presto—

Hebbbronville in the early days, was engaged in selling of hides and bones rather than selling cattle, since they had better prices.

There were so many longhorns in Jim Hogg County that ranchers sold the hides in Laredo. This was known as "the hide boom," —hides being more valuable than cows!

The "bone boom" came to Jim Hogg County when the ranchmen and cow-boys would gather the bones after the vultures had eaten the meat and the bones were dried. The bones were taken by wagons to Laredo. These in turn, were sold to England and used for buttons and knife handles.

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Do you remember what a time the folks had when father was called for jury duty? If the family lived on a ranch, as most did, the whole gang came in the to town with him and mother and the kids stayed at the new Viggo Hotel while he did his civic duty. It usually took a day to come in, a day or so on duty, and a day back to the ranch, so it turned out to be a real gala trip. At that time the Viggo was serving meals and they had excellent colored waiters, cooks, and etc. from Beeville, Texas. The ladies, usually four or five, would be on hand—did their sewing, and visiting, and looked forward to the next time papa would be called.



JUDY LEATHERBERRY — 1962 QUEEN MELONIE V

## SPANISH HERITAGE

Jim Hogg County has a tremendous Spanish heritage. So many of the first settlers, scattered ranchers, were of Spanish or Mexican descent.

Our language is colored with Spanish phrases and words: rodeo, calaboose, plaza, patio, siesta, fiesta, mas o menos, hasta la vista, those are just a few. Many of our ranches bear the names of such origin, in fact most do.

Most of the first businesses in town were started by these people, and they have been mentioned else where in this book for their contribution to the area.

Many leaders in our community today are Latin Americans, and a great percentage of those who worked out this 50th anniversary celebration bear Spanish names.

These people have done a great deal to promote the well-being of our town and we owe much to our Spanish Heritage.

## CUEVITAS

Cuevitas, Texas is a very old village in Jim Hogg County. It is more than 100 years old, but recently it became quite well known when Matt Dillon and Chester on "Gun Smoke", spoke of it as the worst place to live. It most certainly was NOT to the inhabitants of the town. They were self sufficient, had their own post office, church, cemetery, school, and most of them were related by marriage.

It was the meeting place for the rest of the people of the surrounding ranches. Many a wedding, baptism, name saint's day, birthdays, etc., were celebrated in this village.

Cuevitas is a worth while place to visit on your way from San Antonio to Monterrey. Incidentally, this is the shortest route to Monterrey.

At the present time Mr. Sigifredo Muñoz still lives there, but most of the Muñoz family have moved to Hebbronville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Muñoz had eight children, being: Hortensia, Pablo, Manuel, Federico, Jose, Maria, Joel, and Tomas.

The oldest son, Pablo, is still ranching in Cuevitas as most of his ancestors have done.



This house was built in 1870 by Mr. Juan Muñoz at Cuevitas, Texas. He is the grandfather of Mrs. Federico (Cecilia) Muñoz of this city.



RANDADO'S SAN RAFAEL CHURCH — BELIEVED TO BE MORE THAN A CENTURY OLD

## RANDADO

To many people today Randado is just a sign on the highway to Falcon Dam. But this now quiet community was once a bustling ranch comprized of 80,000 acres. In 1849 Don Hipolito Garcia arrived there and his fame was widespread. In 1856 Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee stopped at the ranch on his way to Fort Ringgold, and he greatly enjoyed the hospitality of this home.

Randado was named by its owner for the intricately decorated lassos made there. They were called "randas".

According to the Catholic priest at Roma, San Rafael Church was built in the 1830's and was the first center of the parish.

In 1913 when Jim Hogg County was formed, more votes were cast at Randado than at Hebbronville.

Today the heirs of Don Hipolito still reside in Randado. They are members of the de la Garza family and have been active in many county affairs.

The majestic trees that hide Randado from the highway grew up around a tank that Don Hipolito's men spent years digging by hand. Like many other ranch communities Randado has given way to progress, but to those of us in Jim Hogg County who love the history of our surroundings, it will always be more than just a sign on the road that leads to Falcon Dam.



# The Hebbroville Story



STREET SCENE ABOUT 1925

It's a time for celebrating in our community, — Jim Hogg County is 50 years old. It was early in 1913 that Mr. A. C. Jones, D. D. David, Reuben Holbein, Oscar Thompson, and Ralph McCampbell went to Austin to petition the governor to create the new county of territory taken from Brooks and Duval Counties and in July of that same year the first county officials were duly elected.

The history of this locale, before and since is most interesting. It would be difficult to determine the exact date and location of the first settlement in this area, but long before the war between the states the present Jim Hogg County was the scene of extensive ranching.

Within our county are a number of old Spanish grants of land donated to individuals while Mexico still belonged to Spain. Some of these old grants still retain their spanish names. Among them are: El Randado, Las Cuevitas, Agua Nueva, Las Vivoritas, Las Animas, San Antonio Viejo, El Baluarte, San Jabier, Las Norias de Santo Domingo, and El Sordo, the first Anglo-American owned ranch; and Norie-citas—the only grant still in the possession of the original family heirs.

Prior to 1850 the chief livestock industry was sheep and goats with only a little horse raising. At this time there was no demand for cattle and no outlet. Early settlers brought a few cattle with them, but only for meat and hides. Most were the old Longhorns which were able to survive the periods of drought and the scarcity of food. These cattle were left much to themselves and they increased rapidly but became wild and hard to handle.

The early settlers had their share of cattle stealing. Men moved around the county, slaughtering cattle - branded and unbranded - and many herds were driven into Mexico by bandits.

With the advent of the Civil War there came a demand for hides and tallow, and a little later there was a demand from the east for meat, so many people turned to cattle raising in earnest.

Under the outlet of the "Chisholm Trail" great herds were driven to Kansas to the railroads and gradually the ranchmen gave up sheep entirely for cattle and the Texas Longhorn became famous. Many of our early residents remember the cattle drives down the main street of Hebbroville. This practice continued for so many years that some of our "not so old" residents fondly recall the sight.

In 1883 the Texas-Mexican Railway built a narrow gauge line from Corpus Christi to Laredo and the real history of Hebbroville begins with that old Peña station, a small community just east of our present site.

When Francisco P. Peña refused to sell land for a townsite, the "Tex-Mex" made arrangements with James R. Hebbro for a new location for their depot. They loaded the old station on a flat car and moved it exactly 11½ miles west. The people and the business moved with the depot.

Some of the people who were here at that time or came shortly were Santiago Gonzalez, G. Olson, Jose Angel Garza, Trinidad Hernandez, Oscar Thompson, C. W. Hellen, Sr., Henry Edds, Narciso Peña, Henry Yaeger, Dionicio Peña, Mrs. Pilar Peña de Guierrez, W. W. Jones, Mrs. Josefa Mezza, Ralph McCampbell, D. D. Davdi, Ed Corkill, F. B. Guerra and his brother Rosendo, Policarpio Garza and Ascencion Martinez. All have descendants still in our midst.

James R. Hebbro was a native of England who lived most of his life in California. He acquired many acres of land in this area and sent his son Arthur to take charge of his ranch. It was on one of his visits to the ranch that the new townsite was selected and Mr. Hebbro welcomed the station and the settlers to his property. The townsite consisted of 20 blocks each containing 12 lots. This area was north of the "Tex-Mex" depot, extended east to the Peña residence and west to where the Rambler Motor Co. now stands. Lots on main street sold for \$40.00, on the other streets the lots decreased in value as the distance from the depot increased \$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00 and so on, and outside the town an acre could be had for 35 cents.

From 1892 to 1894 this area experienced a terrible drought. Cattle and horses died by the thousands; some ranchmen lost their entire herds. As a result, ranches passed into new ownerships, and a new era of the cattle industry followed.

The old Longhorn started on his way out-to make room for better breeds, - for by now there was a growing demand for improved beef. Much cross breeding was done and the results were striking, but finally, most of the cattlemen turned to Herefords and Brahmas.

Hebbroville was becoming as one of most progressive towns in the area, and much credit goes

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STREET SCENE ABOUT 1927

## THE HEBBRONVILLE STORY (Continued)

to the rail road. Coal and oil were not available then, but mesquite was plentiful all along the road and it burned just as good and supplied enough steam to make the engines roll. Except for the horse and ox cart, the railroad was the only means of outside communication, and today the "Tex-Mex" with its modern equipment is fulfilling the dreams of those men who saw the steel highway as a necessary part of our growth.

In 1906 a telegraph toll line was erected and Hebbbronville could now reach the outside cattle markets for sure. We soon became the largest shipping point for livestock in the United States and we held this enviable position for many years.

The first merchants in Hebbbronville were Narciso Peña, Severo Peña and F. B. Guerra. In 1908 S. E. Garcia started a mercantile business and his descendants still operate the concern today as the New York Store.

Mr. Nicolas Benavides was the first post master and the post office occupied a small corner of the Peña store.

For several years beginning about 1912 cotton was grown extensively in this area and three gins were kept busy all season long. In recent years other crops have taken over. Many peanuts were produced in and around Hebbbronville and still later it was sweet potatoes and watermelons.

In 1913, the county was formed; the Courthouse was built; our school system was established; and the First National Bank was organized. At that time, the bank was capitalized for \$25,000 and was located in the brick building across the railroad tracks where Mr. and Mrs. Waters Corkill now reside. The capital and surplus have since risen to \$250,000, attesting to the profitable progress of the community. Presently the bank is located on the main street in a lovely modern building where they have just recently added more space to their efficient plant.

By now new blood had arrived in our midst and among the civic minded were the Dannelleys, Gomez, Hinnants, Rogers, Kohlers, Holbeins, Guilfords, Stromans, Stetsons, Briscoes, Ramirezzes and many others.

In 1914 the movies came to town, Silent to be sure, but the best pictures of the day were shown in the theater owned by Mr. Patricio Cruz. Twice his movie houses were destroyed, by the storm of 1919, and by fire in 1923, but the Casino Theatre which he and his partner built 1925 still stands. It is across the street from the City Plaza, once a center of social life and fun.

How fondly our early residents remember the fiestas in September, the music, the promenades, at the Plaza. Today it is still a spot known to all. Our Watermelon Festival is held there as are most all "political Rallys".

In 1915 the Viggo Hotel appeared. Mr. C. F. Luque built the center and north portions of the three story edifice for Mr. Viggo Kohler and its beauty and hospitality were known throughout the area. Later Mr. Joseph Gruy arrived and he added the south wing for Mr. Kohler.

The first franchise granted by the commissioner court was for the Telephone Exchange and the first telephone company was in the store of S. E. Garcia. In 1920 the first electric power plant was set up.

In 1924 the Border Gas Company came in. In 1935 a water system was begun.

In 1924 oil was discovered in our county and the black gold has meant much to our economic growth.

Hebbbronville is also proud of its local paper, the Enterprise, established in 1926; of its Volunteer Fire Department organized in 1931, - its County Library, which was begun in 1936; of its Chamber of Commerce organized in 1958; and its Hospital opened in 1961.

A more recent review of the life and industry of our people will be found elsewhere in this booklet.



OLD FIESTA GROUNDS



MEETING THE TRAIN



SELF EXPLANATORY

Don Sylvestre Gutierrez Cuellar, and daughters, Maria and Concepción and sons, Jesus Maria, and Daniel. Another son, Rufino, was not in the picture



Rufino

## Fiesta . . .

While looking through a stock of old pictures, we found one of the Plaza, taken during one of the wonderful old fiestas. What activity!

In the old days it used to be a "looked-for" event. When the crops were in, in August and September, a fiesta was held, and the merchants, set up their concession stands all around the plaza to display and sell their wares. As many as 50 stands would sometimes be erected and they were real little houses, not just make-shift counters.

They had four or five lottery stands, if your luck played out at one location, you could move on to the next spot. They had raspas, tamales, cabrito, and boy! they had people. They came from everywhere to enjoy the band music and visit with their friends. And the young people would promenade, the boys walking in one direction and the girls in the other.



## Noriecitas Grant

Captain Jose Maria Benavides and Don Ignacio Benavides arrived in Noriecitas in 1858 to take possession of their grant given to their grandfather, Simon de Hinojosa, by the King of Spain in 1740.

The heirs of Don Ignacio Benavides sold their share, which is the south half of the grant, to Mr. Hebbbron, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Whitney in 1890. This land was later divided into lots by Mr. Hebbbron.

Captain Jose Maria Benavides kept his land which is the south half of the grant. He had eight children, but only two kept their share, Andres and Marta. Descendants of these two still own and work their part of their share. These being Daniel Gutierrez, Sylvestre Gutierrez, and sisters, Celestina Benavides and Esther Roach.

Don Daniel Gutierrez, well known rancher of this community, a direct descendant of Simon de Hinojosa, married Doña Agripina Ramirez from Zapata County in 1909, and brought his wife to his father's home in Noriecitas, where they still live. Out of this marriage a son, Isidro B. Gutierrez, was born, who is married and lives on the same ranch with his family.

Sylvestre Gutierrez, our present County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, Mrs. Maude G. Dimas, and Mrs. Coralía G. Barrera, children of Don Rufino Gutierrez and Doña Felicidad Ramirez Gutierrez of Zapata County, are also direct descendants of Simon de Hinojosa. They still own and work part of their share.

Many a weary traveler found lodging and hospitality at Noriecitas Ranch in the early days. Noriecitas Ranch boasted of the biggest "presa" where travelers watered their herds. This "Presa" also provided a cool and shaded area that the old and young people of the community used for cutings and picnics.

In 1895 when construction of the first Catholic Church began, the crew was given lodging by Don Sylvestre Gutierrez Cuellar and his wife, at Noriecitas Ranch. Being devout Catholics they also helped financially in the construction of the church.

As most old ranches of this area Noriecitas Ranch has its own family burial plot.

A playground well remembered were the Sand Dunes at Noriecitas Ranch. Many a weiner Roast and moonlight hayrides were enjoyed there.

*Compliments of*

## Knights of Columbus Council 2810



JAIME MUNOZ, GRAND KNIGHT

PEDRO N. PEREZ, RECORDER

JOSE R. CANALES, TREASURER

HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS

OLD PEÑA STORE AT PEÑA, AROUND THE 1900's



Pictured above is the old Peña Store, where formerly was located the original town of Hebbbronville, before the name was changed. This place is a couple of miles east of the local city of Hebbbronville. In the picture above you can clearly see the old Peña Building with the name painted on top.

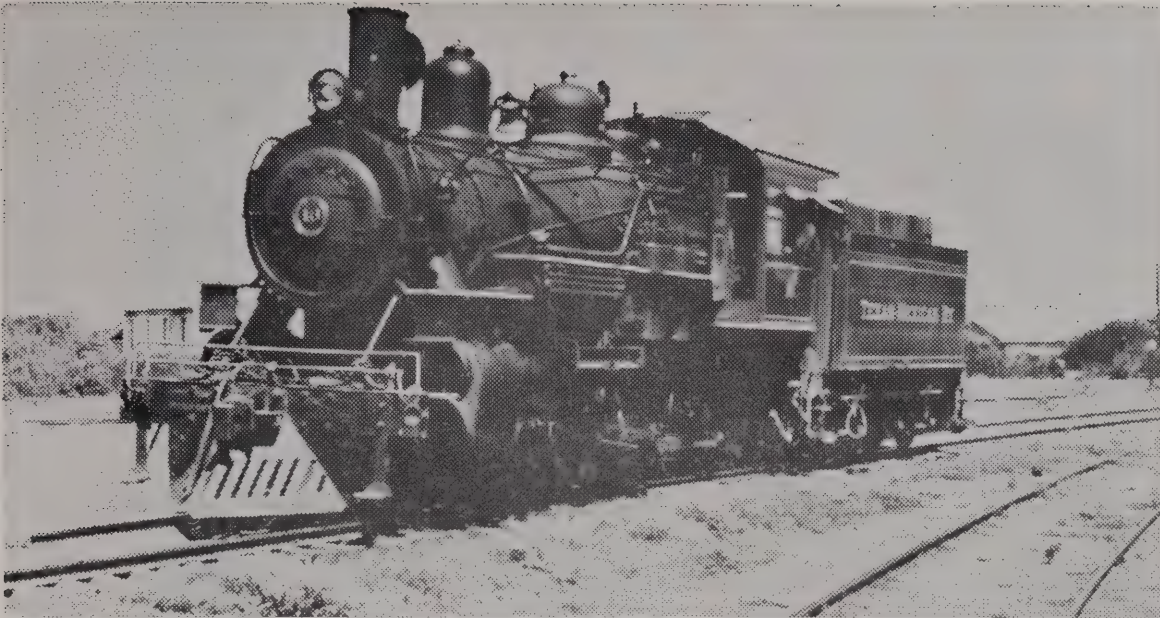
Girls standing on left are Evangelina Peña, Josefa Peña, Esther Peña, and Maria Rivas. Reading from left to right, ladies standing behind buggy are Gorgonia Rodriguez, Mrs. Margarita Peña de Garcia and Francisca Peña. Chon Reyes, back of buggy. Seating on buggy Francisco Peña, Standing. Filiberto Peña and Francisco Arambula.



MAIN STREET, AS SEEN FROM DEPOT ROOF, ABOUT 1916-17

TEXAS - MEXICAN  
RAILWAY

AT RIGHT: THE FAMILIAR ENGINE OF YESTERYEARS "OLD 16" - WHOSE STEAM WHISTLE WAS "MELODIE" IN COMPARISON TO THE DIESEL'S HORN.



## TEXAS-MEXICAN RAILWAY

Long before there was a Good Neighbor Policy there was a good neighbor railroad — the historic "Tex-Mex". This pioneer line has been serving the people along its 162 mile right-of-way for nearly 75 years.

Born of a great need, and struggling through a rough babyhood to useful years of service, the "Tex-Mex" has been a powerful factor in helping to develop our area — the land between Laredo and Corpus Christi

The first 25 miles of railroad was put in operation in January, 1877. The first spike had been driven near the waterfront in Corpus Christi on the preceding Thanksgiving Day. The spike had been beautifully gilded to look like gold, and it must have fooled someone, for it was stolen that very first night.

Through the aid of Captains Richard King and Mifflin Kenedy, two of Texas' greatest empire builders, Colonel Lott who pushed the project from its inception, was able to continue the line on to San Diego, Texas by 1879. The inaugural run, made by a locomotive which Captain King had bought, created a sensation on the wild frontier which has never since been equalled.

The first train to reach Laredo on the Texas Mexican Line arrived in November, 1891, it was the cause of great celebration and truly did make Laredo the

"Gateway to Mexico."

By 1902, the Texas Mexican line changed from the narrow gauge to standard gauge line thus improving its freight service to the area.

The railroaders of the day were friendly, neighborly people. Often a cowboy would spur from the brush, wave the engineer to a stop, and climb aboard for a ride to the next station. Conductors were always being handed a "want-list" by rancher's wives and the conductor tended to this while he was at one end of the line or the other.

If hunting was good along the way, the train may stop for a spell to allow the crew a few hours to shoot.

The old-time depot was a combination newspaper-radio. A big crowd always gathered to see who was coming or going, who had a new baby along the line, who had died. The Editor of the Corpus Christi paper met every train for years to get items to help fill his columns

With the growth of the cities it served, the easy going ways of the railroad crew had to change. Efficiency became more important.

Today this railroad line operates the latest equipment and does it most efficiently, but the friendly touch is still there and the Tex-Mex is unique among the railroads in the regard with which it is held by everyone along its right-of-way.



AT LEFT: ONE OF THE MODERN DIESEL ENGINES THAT RUN THE TRACKS THROUGH HEBBRONVILLE TODAY. DURING WORLD WAR II FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT'S PRESIDENTIAL CARS SWITCHED ONTO TEX-MEX AT LAREDO TO CORPUS CHRISTI.



PICNIC AT LA PRESA, NORIECITAS, MAY 17, 1914

#### AGUA NUEVA AND ALTA VISTA

Two of the oldest settlements in this area are Agua Nueva and Alta Vista. They are situated on the east side of Jim Hogg County just off the road to Rio Grande City.

In 1903 Sixto Garcia opened up a store in Agua Nueva, but long before that Juan Muñoz had been in the mercantile business there.

It was a large and lively community. They had a post office in the store. Church services were held in a home and the priest came from Roma to conduct the service.

There was a huge body of water at Agua Nueva where picnics, and festivals were held often. It was a beautiful place, but now it is vastly different and only about five families reside there.

Mrs. Pedro Ramirez, mother of Mrs. Hugo Yzaguirre, now owns a house in Agua Nueva which is about 300 years old. It is a unique place and in the walls are small holes where the inhabitants could insert a gun when danger approached.

Today Alta Vista is known best as Jones' Ranch, and the Jones family has owned it since the 1890's. Once it was a thriving area with its own post office, store, and etc. The store was a gathering place for the families who lived there and they all remember the "store man" Mr. Canfield, called "tio" and the wonderful wares he sold.

COMPLIMENTS OF

**V. F. W. Post No. 2011**

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS

#### GUERRA, TEXAS

Another of the oldest villages of Jim Hogg County is Guerra, Texas. It was previously known as El Colorado, bearing its original name from the cattle raised on this ranch. The Post Office in San Antonio Viejo, another big ranch, was transferred to El Colorado and at this time, the name was changed to Guerra. The first Postmaster was Don Apolonio Guerra.

The owners of the ranch were Gregorio Gomez and Eugenia Garza de Gomez. As their children grew up they all remained on the ranch, even after marriage. Ranching on their properties are members of the third and fourth generation (the fifth generations are still too young) and are the families of Juan Gomez Lopez:

Apolonio Gomez, Gregorio Gomez, Jose M. Gomez, Anselmo Gomez, Magdalena G. Peña, Matilde G. Villarreal, Dominga G. Falcon, Andrea G. Garza, Teofilo Gomez, and Petra L. Garza.

They are engaged in cattle raising and crop farming.

COMPLIMENTS OF

**GUTIERREZ**  
**Service Station**

SYLVESTER (CINCO) GUTIERREZ

**Texaco Products**

LA 7-3717

HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS

# The Texas Rangers



Widely known as a Texas tradition, the Rangers are second only to the Alamo as an outstanding part of our heritage.

Unofficially organized at the start to protect our borders from Indian uprisings, the group had become official by the time they fought for America's Freedom in the war with Mexico.

After the war between the states, the people of Texas realized they had another fight on their hands. It was not a fight for independence but for the life and liberty of the people. Bandits, outlaws, cattle thieves, and rioters, were all around.

Richard Coke was governor of the state, when he recommended the official organization and outfitting of the Texas Rangers, in May 1874.

This special police force is the oldest force of its kind in the world.

The Rangers were organized to meet a condition of savage atrocity. They are different from the regular lawman because they are authorized to act throughout the state rather than in a local area. They are different from the regular military officer because they are not subject to military regulation and they have never worn a prescribed uniform. His primary function has always been to maintain, or restore order. He operates under the State Department of Public Safety.

The Ranger has always represented the highest ideal of individual courage. It's members are thought of as soft spoken men of great daring; as fellows who can "follow a trail like an Indian, ride like a Mexican, shoot like a Tennesseian and fight like the devil."

Ranger Captain A. Y. Allee, whose name is often in the news today, at one time lived in Hebbronville. The late Pell Harkison and our own Captain Will McMurrey, and Tom Brady, were members of this elite group. Lloyd David, Alonzo Taylor and Howell McCampbell were also Rangers.

It is a pleasure to salute the Rangers on this 50th anniversary of Jim Hogg County.



RANGER P. B. HARBISON, CO. "C" — 1919



RANGER CAPTAIN BILL McMURREY — 1935



COMPLIMENTS AND GOOD WISHES  
TO HEBBRONVILLE AND OUR GOOD FRIENDS OF  
JIM HOGG COUNTY  
THE TRAVIS RICHARDSONS





FIRST JURY TO SERVE THE NEW JIM HOGG COUNTY



THE NEW FLAG ON THE NEW FLAG POLE  
OF THE NEW COUNTY — 1913



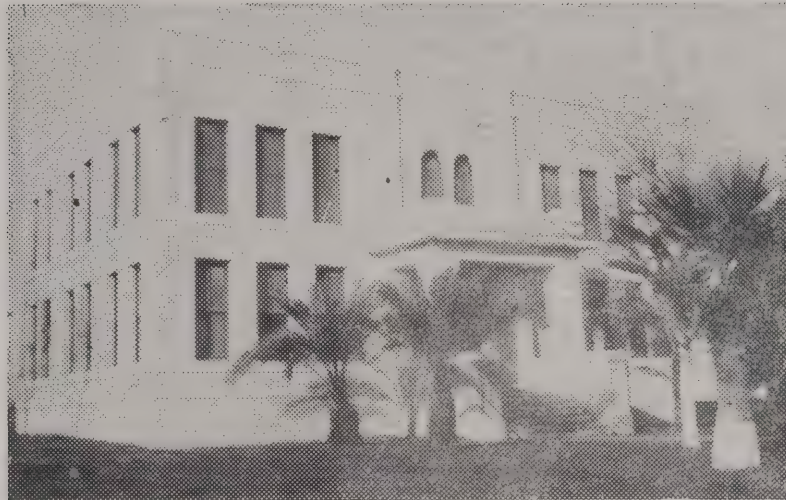
THE JUST FINISHED COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
OF JIM HOGG COUNTY

Did you know that Doctor Thomas Stetson gave Jim Hogg County its first flag? The Doctor had come here from Washington, D. C. where Old Glory flew atop every building and he missed the sight here. In a very impressive ceremony held at the Courthouse the first flag was raised and our stars and stripes have flown high ever since.

(The above two scenes were taken at a July 4th Barbecue when the new flag was presented and flown the first time).

# JIM HOGG COUNTY, TEXAS

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1913  
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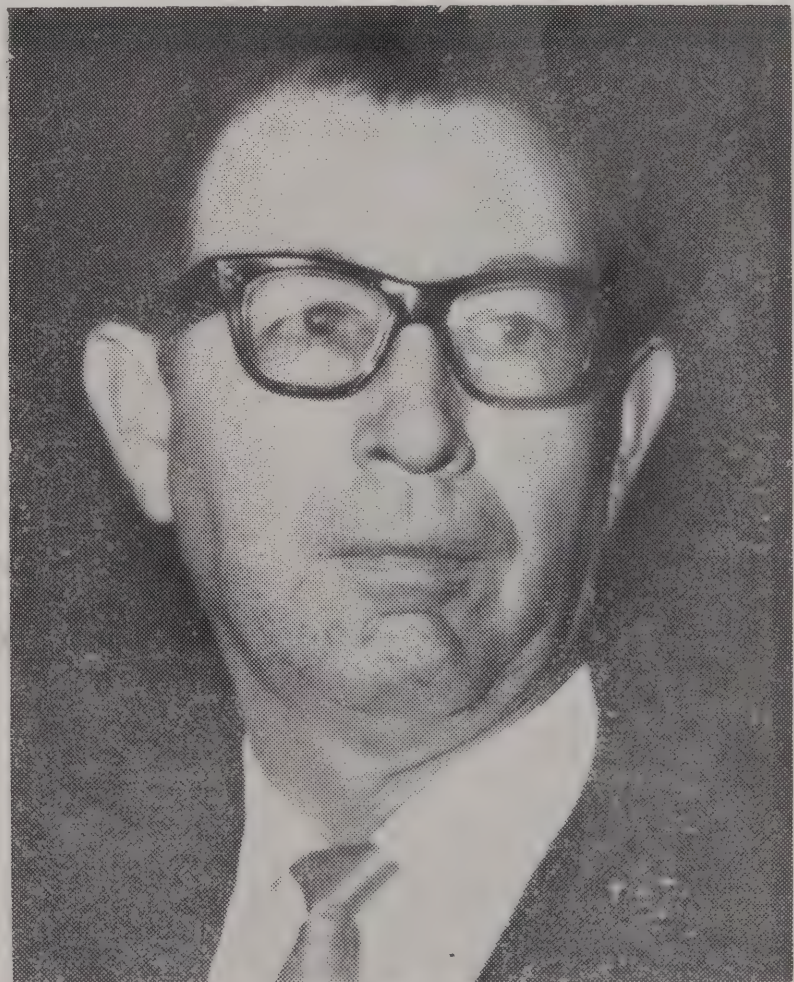


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1963  
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This is Jim Hogg County Courthouse. It was built in 1913 and has served as a meeting place for many churches, civic and social groups, as well as the seat of our local government. Recently the interior was remodelled and the court room on the second floor is quite attractive with its panelled wall area behind the judges bench.



A. C. JONES, FIRST JUDGE OF JIM HOGG COUNTY



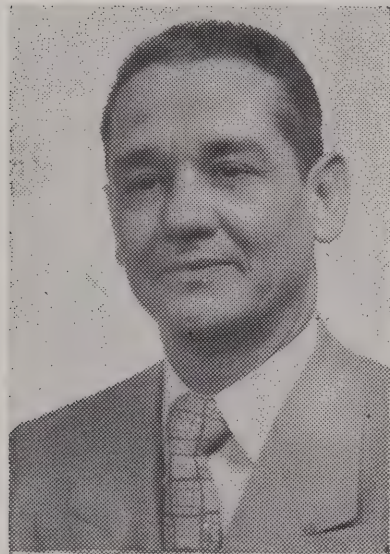
DR. H. T. MARTINEZ  
SEVENTH AND PRESENT JUDGE OF COUNTY



F. B. GUERRA



J. FRANK MCGEE



ARIS BARRERA



CHARLES TROY



RAY HOLBEIN



FERNANDO XIMENEZ



## County Officials

### COUNTY JUDGES

A. C. JONES  
 A. M. BRUMFIELD \* \* \*  
 W. A. DANNELLEY \* \*  
 F. B. GUERRA \* \* \*  
 ARIS BARRERA \*  
 RAY HOLBEIN  
 H. T. MARTINEZ

### COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK

W. A. DANNELLEY \*  
 HELEN SEWELL HARBISON  
 AMOS DINN \*  
 J. FRANK MCGEE \* \*  
 G. G. GONZALEZ  
 CHARLES TROY  
 FERNANDO XIMENEZ \* \*  
 RAQUEL VELA-VASQUEZ \* \*

Each Star Denotes 5 Years Service



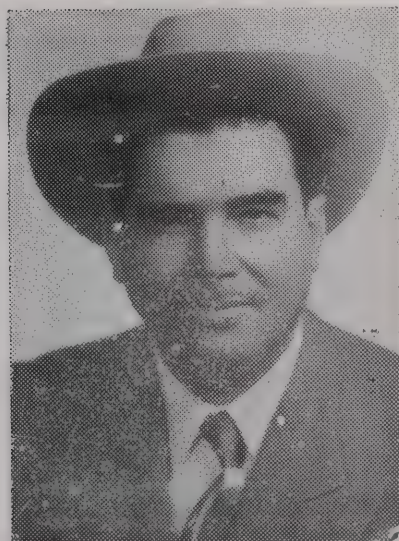
*This Man worked for me  
 as an Abstractor & lawyer & died at Anaheim, Calif.*



HELLEN & PELL HARBISON



EULA GONZALEZ  
With Husband



RAFAEL DE LA GARZA

## County Officials

(Continued)

### SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

OSCAR THOMPSON

PAT CRAIGHEAD

P. B. HARBISON \*

ALONZO TAYLOR \* \* \* \* \*

RAFAEL DE LA GARZA \*

C. I. TREVINO \*

### TAX ASSESSOR - FROM 1913 TO 1935

OSCAR THOMPSON

A. L. DRAPER

W. W. SAUNDERS

### COUNTY TREASURER

MIGUEL DE LA GARZA

EULA GONZALEZ

H. A. BALL

EULA GONZALEZ

C. W. HELLEN \* \*

MISS ETTA STRICKLAND

MRS. T. S. PEREZ

ROSA R. ANAYA \* \* \* \* \*

JOSE GONZALEZ

\* Each Star Denotes Five Years  
of Service



RAQUEL VELA-VASQUEZ



ROSA R. ANAYA



C. I. TREVINO



R. R. MULLEN

## County Officials

(Continued)

### COUNTY ATTORNEY

H. H. FLOWERS  
R. R. MULLEN  
A. M. BRUMFIELD  
P. W. MINTER \* \* \* \*  
F. A. CERDA \*

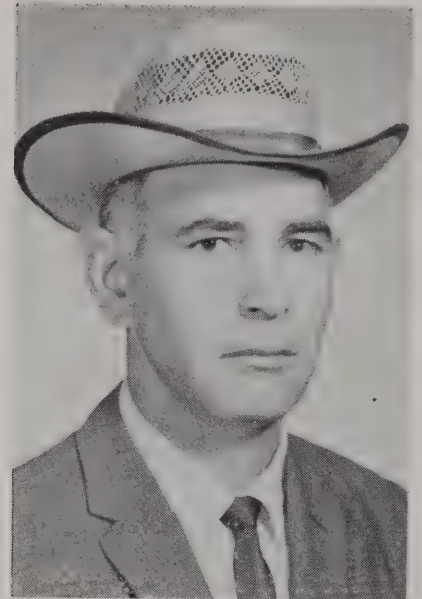


MRS. EDMUNDO BARRERA

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

#### PRECINCT 1

ALFREDO GOMEZ  
A. B. ROGERS  
RUSSELL HOUSTON \* \*  
EDMUNDO BARRERA  
MRS. EDMUNDO BARRERA  
OCAMPO BARRERA



JOSE GONZALEZ



P. W. MINTER

#### PRECINCT 2

W. E. ADAMS  
TOMAS LOPEZ \* \* \*  
CECILIO LOPEZ  
BETO BENAVIDES

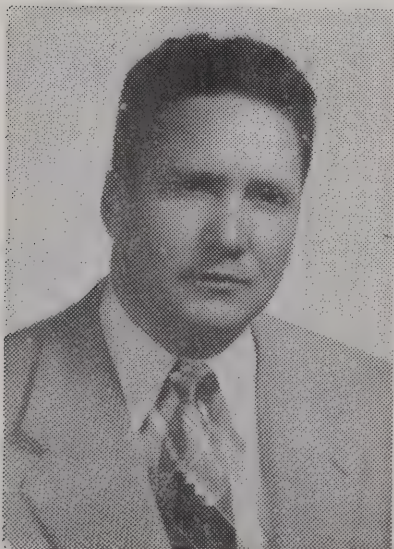
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LINO RAMIREZ  
B. RAMIREZ  
ALVARO LOPEZ  
JUAN C. RAMIREZ

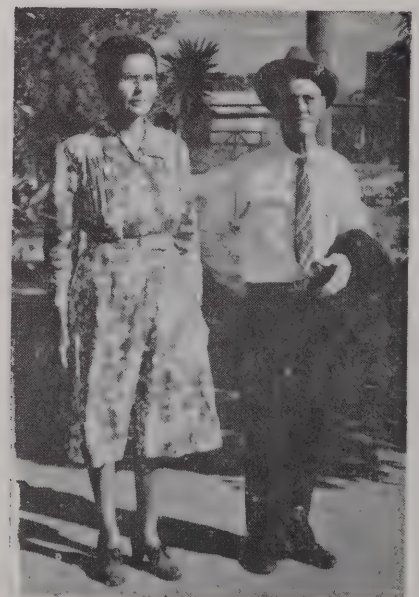
#### PRECINCT 4

SAN JUANITA VILLARREAL

Each Star Denotes 5 Years Service



F. A. CERDA



LIZZIE AND JOE SAUNDERS

# County Officials in 1961



Front row reading from left to right: County Judge, Aris Barrera; Raquel Vela-Vasquez, County and District Clerk; Sylvester (Cinco) Gutierrez, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; Arcadio (Tito) Muñoz, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; back row: reading from left to right: Antonio Garza, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; Ray Holbein, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; and F. A. Cerda, County Attorney.

## County Commissioners:

\* Each Star Denotes Five Years Of Service

### PRECINCT 1

OSCAR THOMPSON \*  
W. T. ACKLEN  
JIM H. GONZALEZ \* \*  
ARIS BARRERA \* \* \*  
FRANK SALINAS  
SYLVESTRE GUTIERREZ \*

### PRECINCT 2

R. H. McCAMPBELL \*  
E. L. ARMSTRONG \*  
AMOS DINN  
P. B. HARBISON \*  
W. L. STROMAN  
EUGENE GARNER  
FELIX W. STROMAN  
ADAN M. GONZALEZ  
ARCADIO T. MUNOZ \*

### PRECINCT 3

R. HOLBEIN \*  
H. B. GUILFORD \*  
A. BALDESCHWILLER  
RAY HOLBEIN \* \* \* \* \*  
ANTONIO PEREZ

### PRECINCT 4

J. F. HARDCASTLE  
FRED GONZALEZ  
HART MUSSEY  
T. T. EAST  
HENRY WOODS  
NEVILLE HINNANT  
DANA HELLEN  
MIGUEL DE LA GARZA, JR.  
RAMON FALCON  
ANTONIO GARZA



MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE WITH CHAMBER GROUP



A SHIPMENT OF FISH: TO STOCK JIM HOGG COUNTY TANKS, FROM THE STATE GAME AND COMMISSION HATCHERYS. GEO. W. HOLBEIN WAS GAME WARDEN OVER TWENTY YEARS. DICK HOLBEIN HAS BEEN GAME WARDEN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.



ONLY ONE KNOWN — ON OUTER BANK WALL



RECONSTRUCTION DAYS — 1960 STYLE





**FIRST FIRE TRUCK AND FIRST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Volunteer Fire Department of Hebbronville was organized on March 17, 1931. Mr. O. A. Thompson was the first fire chief and Clarence Jefferies was his assistant.

Through the years this organization has indulged in many activities to raise money for needed equipment. They used to hold dances at the old Boston Park Pavilion. Later they put on the famous "Merry Mad Caps Show" and they are still raising money in various ways to help improve the department.

On May 5, 1931 the citizens of Hebbronville first heard their new fire siren; it was installed at the new firehouse which had been completed on April 30, 1931. Their new chemical truck arrived shortly afterward.

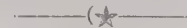
In 1937, the department was reorganized through efforts of the Rotary Club. At that time Johnny Arechiga was elected Fire Chief and Thomas Stetson, Jr. was 1st Assistant. The late Judge Dannelly of Hebbronville Utilities Company said that no charge would be made for water used in fire fighting purposes.

In 1947 a new fire truck was purchased and it has seen a great deal of use.

Two firemen have been sent each year, for the past several years, to a special fireman's training course held in the summer at A & M College in Bryan. Costs of the schooling has been split between the Hebbronville Chamber of Commerce and Jim Hogg County. Not only does the school better train our volunteers to fight fires, but qualifies the department for better rating and the citizens of the County thereby receive better fire insurance rates.

Since 1956 Gocha Ramirez has been fire chief. Today there are 22 active members of the Volunteer

Fire Department and the entire town is most appreciative of all they do to help when the emergency arises and we have a fire.



## **DO YOU REMEMBER . . .**

Do you remember the fires that have "plagued" Hebbronville through the years? The Acklen home, McMurray home, Rossi home, Magnolia warehouse, Depot, Grant Lumber Company, Texas Theatre?

And, did you know that: Hebbronville had the biggest fire in 1923, which destroyed a whole block of business, from where Corner Drug is now, to the Ranchers Supply?



**1963 — FIRE CHIEF GOCHA RAMIREZ;  
TRUCK AT STATION**

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UNITED  
STATES

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POST  
OFFICE

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AT DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING — 1956

In May, 1956 the Yaeger - Stroman Estate built a new office building across the street from the Courthouse. Part of this new structure is housing the Hebbbronville Post Office.

In the beginning the post office was located in various stores, but by 1926 it was situated in the west portion of the First National Bank Building on Main Street.

Receipts at that time were less than 8,000 dollars per year, and the office was listed as a 3rd class one. Mrs. Payne Briscoe was Postmistress.

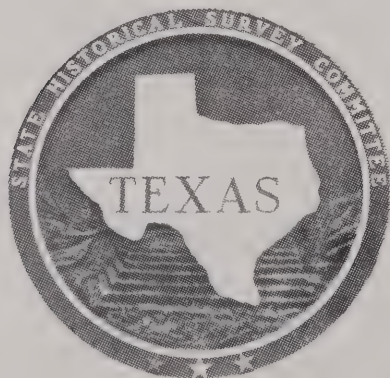
In 1927 receipts went over \$8,000, so the office was advanced to second class.

During the years since Mrs. Briscoe served, these people have been postmaster: Mr. John Fatheree, Mrs. John Draper, W. M. Chitwood, J. Frank McGee, both deceased, J. W. Dowe, and R. E. Montalvo. Several of these were serving in an acting capacity only during the war.

In October, 1950 Mr. Donato Flores was appointed to the post and holds it today.

The lovely new building is air conditioned for the comfort of the five employees who see that "the mail does get through."

In 1962, gross receipts were \$27,813.61



#### TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

This committee was organized January 19, 1963. The object is to locate and identify, by markers, the most historical sites within the county. These are to be included with other State Historic places and made known as worthy of attention of the tourists. The assisting County official is County Judge, Dr. Homero T. Martinez, D. V. M.; the other officers are, Chairman, Mrs. Julian Gomez, Jr.; Vice Chairman, Mr. E. G. Nava; Secretary, Mr. Manuel Ramirez.

Two local sites bearing the medal are: The Jose A. Garza building east of the Catholic Church; and the Randado Church.

#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICES

AGRIC. DEPT. OF:  
AGRICULTURE STABILIZATION CONSERVATION  
OF JIM HOGG COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICE MANGER \_\_\_\_\_ MANUEL RAMIREZ

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION BORDER PATROL  
PATROL INSPECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ FRANK BRAY

U. S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
POSTMASTER \_\_\_\_\_ DONATO FLORES

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE  
TECHNICIAN \_\_\_\_\_ CHARLES G. ROGERS

STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
REPRESENTATIVES  
J. A. GUTIERREZ \_\_\_\_\_ H. S. RAMIREZ

COMMODITIES PUBLIC WELFARE  
REPRESENTATIVE \_\_\_\_\_ MISS OLGA CARREON

TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICES IN HEBBRONVILLE  
RESIDENT ENGINEER \_\_\_\_\_ RUEBEN GUERRA  
SECTION FOREMAN \_\_\_\_\_ GONZALO GARCIA

1936



1963

JIM HOGG COUNTY LIBRARY

In 1936, after a small committee of women had worked for years to arouse interest, the Jim Hogg County Library was started. The building was completed in 1938 and since that time the library has played an important part in the educational and cultural life of Hebbronville.

Practically all the local club women use its facilities when preparing papers for club programs, and the school children also make excellent use of the material found on

Recently Miss Roxane Yzaguirre was employed to take care of the children's division and to assist Mrs. Helen Fuller in her duties as librarian.

In 1960 more than 9,000 books were loaned for the shelves.

In 1962 a room for reference books was added to the library, and enough space was provided to make it a home use.

The building was completely re-wired, fluorescent lighting was installed, and the plant was air-conditioned. study room also.

The Cenizo Garden Club landscaped the area, planting carpet grass and shrubs.

Others who have also made their appreciation of the library known through gifts this past year are: The Self Culture Club, The First National Bank, Linda Stetson, Karen Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Eshleman, and Mrs. Viggie Adams.

1913



1963

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

On January 10, 1963 the First National Bank held its 50th annual stockholders meeting, thus it is celebrating with the county, a golden anniversary.

Organized on May 23, 1913 as the Hebbronville State Bank, the charter was granted on July 28, 1913 and the new bank was open for business with a paid in capital of \$25,000.

In 1926 with capital raised to \$75,000, the bank was converted to the First National Bank as we know it today.

The first directors of the bank were C. W. Hellen, A. C. Jones, H. C. Yaeger, Oscar Thompson, Henry Edds, T. T. East and P. A. Presnall.

Mr. H. C. Yaeger was the first president and he

held this post for many years. In 1931, Mr. Charles Hellen, Sr. took over as president and continued until 1958. Since that time Mr. A. G. Hayes has been president. Mr. Hellen served as chairman of the board from 1958 until his death.

This institution is one of the most stable banking houses in the South Texas area. It has grown along with Hebbronville. When it was converted to National system the capital, surplus and undivided profits were \$113,065.27.

On December 31, 1962 the amount was \$512,132.32. Thus the net addition to capital, surplus and undivided profits and reserves since the conversion — \$399,067.05. Total dividends paid since the conversion are \$302,250.00 and total profits since that date — \$701,317.05.



ABOVE — EARLY, WOODEN, PUBLIC SCHOOL (2ND BUILDING)

BELOW — COLEGIO ALTAMIRANO



COMPLIMENTS OF  
LUNZ PHARMACY

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS

ALAMO EXPRESS

"ALAMO EXPRESS IS GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN  
A PART OF THE HISTORY OF JIM HOGG  
COUNTY."

HEBBRONVILLE

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# Education In Hebbronville



**FIRST HEBBRONVILLE SCHOOL**

While gathering material for this booklet, we have had the pleasure of visiting many old timers. In almost all our conversations, with them one thing was evident: There was always an avid interest in the education of the young.

In the beginning, of course, it was a private affair where each family handled its own needs. Later a one room school house was set up on various ranches and surrounding area children came to the school nearest them.

The teacher lived on the ranch, and many of our lovely matrons came here as very young ladies to teach in just such schools.

The first public school in Hebbronville was built of stone. It stood where County Judge H. T. Martinez now has his beautiful home. The first teacher was Miss Eloisa Palacios from Concepcion, Texas, and about 75 students were enrolled in her school.

So many of the early settlers were of Spanish ancestry and they wanted their children to learn of and appreciate, the Spanish culture. With this in mind Don Dionicio Peña, Don Francisco Barrera Guerra, Don Tomas Barrera, Don Jose Angel Garza, and Don Ascencion Martinez established El Colegio Altamirano in 1897. The first professor was Don Rosendo Barrera and this school was active until 1958.

This school taught art, music, discipline, and the social graces, as well as "the three R's."

Among the early students were:

Sandalio and Zenon Ramirez, Adalberto and Adolfo Treviño, Juan Benavides, Florentino and Eduardo Montalvo, Zaragoza Laurel, Horacio and Armando Barrera, Adalberto and Humberto Martinez; and these young ladies were the first female students: Mrs. Eugenio Benavides, Mrs. Adalberto Martinez, Mrs. Isidro Benavides, Mrs. Tomasita M. Garcia. All were about 12 years of age at this time.

So many of our outstanding citizens got their basic knowledge in this school. Later, of course, they went on to get their higher education in various colleges and universities, where their early training helped them immensely.

Also in the early 1900's, there was a commercial school under the leadership of Professor Gaona from Mexico City. Many a young resident received business instructions in this institution. Mr. Gaona was often assisted by his son, Arturo, who also worked in the Bank as a bookkeeper.



**COLEGIO ALTAMIRANO CLASS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Jim Hogg County**

ON ITS

**Golden Anniversary**

**The Economy Dept. Store**

(SEE US FIRST FOR QUALITY MERCHANDISE)

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HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS

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CARS AND TRUCKS

**Industrial Engine Repairs**

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HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS



LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

### DAY SCHOOLS

In 1948, when the public school became so crowded, the Methodist Day School was organized, and it continued to operate as long as its sponsors felt there was a need.

Kindergarten through the 6th grade was taught in classes which were first held in the Church building. Later the W. W. Jones Building was erected and the classes were taught there.

Mrs. Ray Holbein, who has long been identified with education and its aims was principal of this school which closed in 1956.

In 1957, the Episcopal Church took up the good work. Their day school includes Kindergarten and first grade. This school met in the Jones Building until they purchased a large and adequate building of their own which is located on the Episcopal Church block.

Enrollment in this school is usually small, and students receive much individual attention.

Especially attractive is the program offered during the last month of school when swimming lessons are given each student.

Mr. Milton Brown is principal of the school, Mrs. R. B. Franks teaches kindergarten and Mrs. Bill Holbein teaches first grade.

W. W. JONES MEMORIAL BUILDING



WHERE DAY SCHOOL CLASSES WERE HELD UNDER THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, KINDERGARTEN THRU 6TH GRADE.

### LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

In 1973 the Little Flower School celebrated its 25th anniversary and it is growing every year.

In the beginning the school taught grades 1 through 6, but in 1958 the 7th and 8th grade were added.

During the early 1950's a pre-primer class was started and so today a child may go to this school from kindergarten to high school before transferring to the public school.

Boys and girls are taught by 5 sisters and 1 lay teacher.

Through the years much expansion has taken place. Sarita Hall, named for the late Sarita K. East was added in 1954.

This year's enrollment will total 265 students as compared to 15 in the 1940's.

The sisters, whose school is a part of the order of Sacred Heart and of the Poor, are very appreciative of all the courtesies shown them and their school and they thank every citizen for what has been done to help the cause of education in Hebbronville.



ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL

COMPLIMENTS OF

HEBBRONVILLE MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

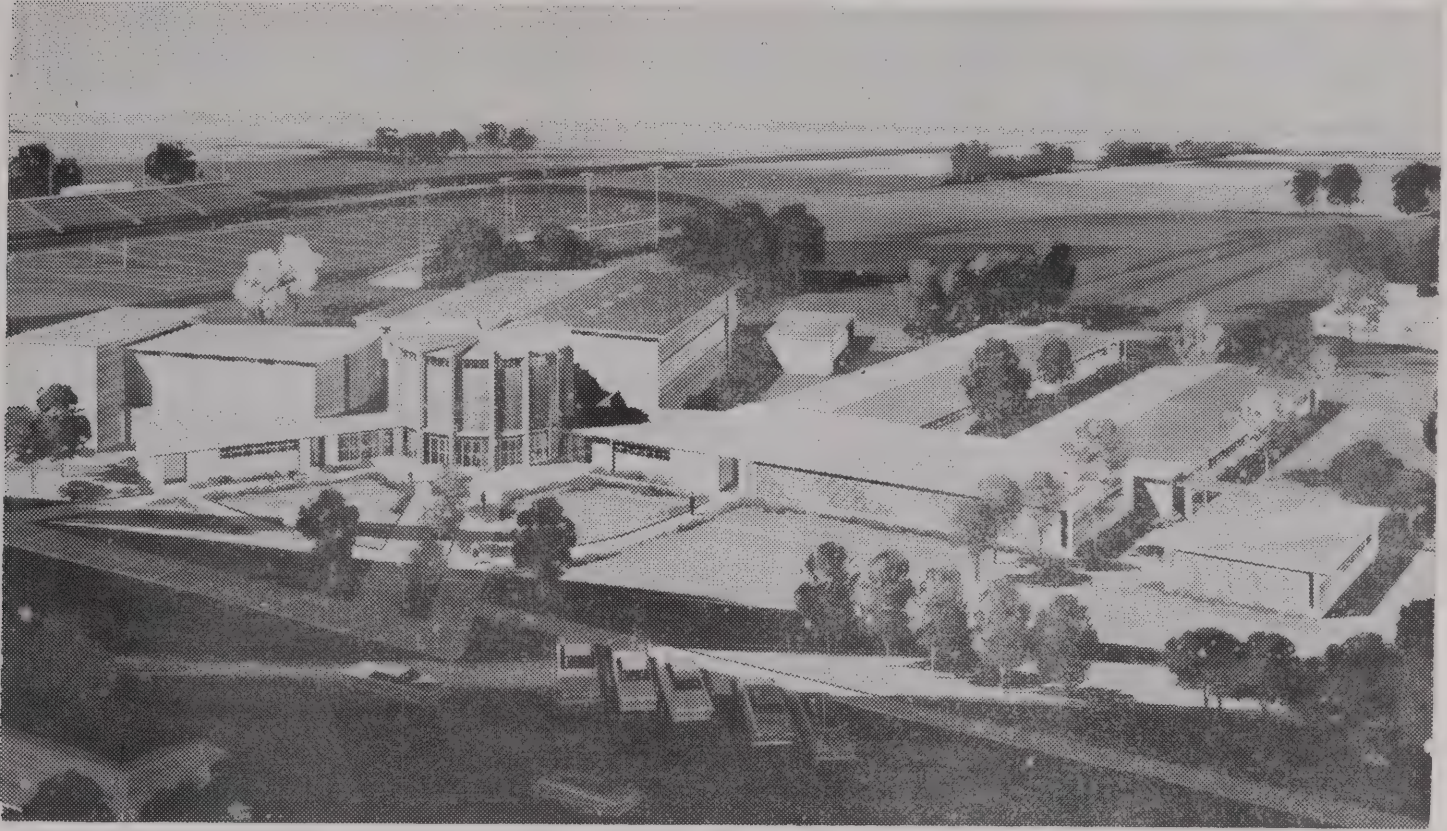
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SALES & SERVICE

HEBBRONVILLE

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# JIM HOGG COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



## NEW SCHOOL PLANT COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION NOW

The Hebbronville Independent School District was formed about April 4, 1921.

County Judge A. M. Brumfield called the first meeting of the new trustees at that time. They were Robert Hinnant, J. C. Draper, H. C. Yaeger, Oscar Thompson, Rueben Holbein, and C. W. Hellen, Sr.

Mr. J. Frank McGee was the first superintendent of the new Independent School District, and the board authorized the clearing of the brush from around the building and the cleaning of the ground in general.

No records are available of the school's activities from 1913 to 1921, but there were several small schools at various ranches and they were under the control of the County School board.

In 1922, 393 children of school age resided in the district and they attended school in a building that stood on the block where Piggly Wiggly and the Post Office are now located.

In 1927 and 1928 bond issues were called and passed because the scholastic count had doubled and more class rooms were desperately needed. The budget that year was for \$23,891.03. Currently our monthly payroll is just over \$30,000.00.

A new high school was built in 1937, and in 1951 its size was greatly expanded.

In 1947 the Hebbronville Independent School

District voted to become a County-wide School District; such, it is today.

In 1962, another bond issue was passed to build a new high school, and make additions, and repairs to old buildings. Twenty-five acres of land were purchased from Mr. Joseph Gruy, Jr. and construction was begun.

The new school plant is a real addition to our town, for it is a beautiful edifice.

Known as a "sports minded" town, Hebbronville High School boasts of fine football, basket ball and base ball teams, as well as track stars. Its band is a joy to hear and see, and participates in all local affairs when possible.

There is a Science Club for the science student and "Ag" is offered for boys who are interested in farming and ranching. These are clubs for future Teachers and future Homemakers.

These men have been superintendent through the years: J. Frank McGee, W. A. Oliver, John Manning, A. R. Harrison, A. A. Moser, C. H. Spence, Delbert Aiken, W. K. Fraser, A. L. Herring, Howard Cochran, Sam Anderson, E. B. Gibson, C. A. Kiesler and Austin L. Peay.

Each has given much to the cause of better education and our thanks go to them and their teachers.

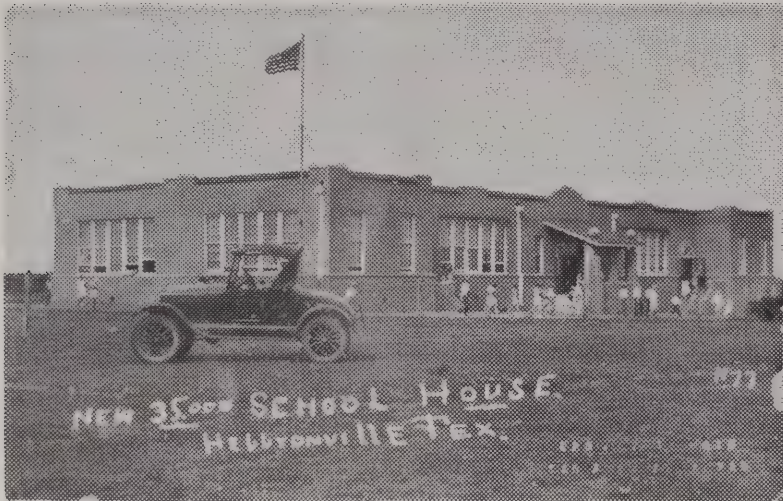
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#### PICTURES (TOP TO BOTTOM)

1. — 3rd SCHOOL HOUSE — RED BRICK TWO STORY BUILDING — SITE WAS IN MIDDLE OF PIGGLY WIGGLY BLOCK.
2. — 4th SCHOOL HOUSE AND FIRST AT SITE OF PRESENT PLANT — USED FIRST IN 1928.
3. — 5th SCHOOL HOUSE (WAS BUILT AS NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND ABOVE SCHOOL BECAME PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY.) ALSO OF RED BRICK CONSTRUCTION. HELD THE FIRST AUDITORIUM WITH STAGE.



#### MINTER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Mrs. P. W. Minter began her piano teaching career in Hebbronville in 1933, after having taught in Woodville, Texas for eight years. Hebbronville's only piano teacher had been Mrs. Russell Houston and she had retired at the time Mrs. Minter began with eleven pupils. After four years, ill health and an operation forced her to turn over her class to Miss Hazel Harned of Beaumont who taught here for three years, and moved to Laredo. Mrs. Minter resumed teaching and has continued ever since, except for one year when, again ill health forced her to stop, and Mrs. Leon Brown, wife of the Methodist minister, substituted for her. From eleven pupils the class grew to forty at its peak during the time the Methodist Church sponsored a Day School with six grades, with time out allowed for piano lessons.

Mrs. Minter began playing for Church school and community affairs at the age of twelve and began teaching at eighteen. She has been pianist and organist at the Methodist Church for 33 years, was pianist for the Rotary Club for 12 years. She can't remember how many weddings and funerals she has played for, and can hardly remember when she didn't teach piano, having done practice teaching at the age of fifteen. She has trained pianists for nearly all the churches of Hebbronville and many who no longer live here are serving their communities and churches through their music.

In 1953, Mrs. Minter became a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Many of her pupils play in the National Piano Playing Auditions each year sponsored by the Guild. They have won many honors, and Mrs. Minter has been on the National Guild Honor Roll for teachers every year since becoming a member.

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BARRERA BROS. GARAGE

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS

COMPLIMENTS OF  
CORNER DRUG

LA 7-3203

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS

# Ground Breaking Ceremonies at New H. H. S



Construction on the new high school after ground breaking ceremonies. Turning the first shovelfuls of dirt are, left to right, Lynn Evans, architect; Ruben Montalvo, trustee; Juan M. Vasquez, trustee; Mrs. Ray Holbein, School Board president; Mrs. Elma Cantu; Don Meyer, trustee; and Loyal Stotler, contractor.



Pictured left are some members of the School Board and builders of the new Hebbbronville High School at the ground breaking ceremony.

Mr. Austin Peay is the superintendent of schools here; and his principals are Claude Jungman, in High School; E. G. Nava in Jr. High; and Job Currie in the Elementary Department.

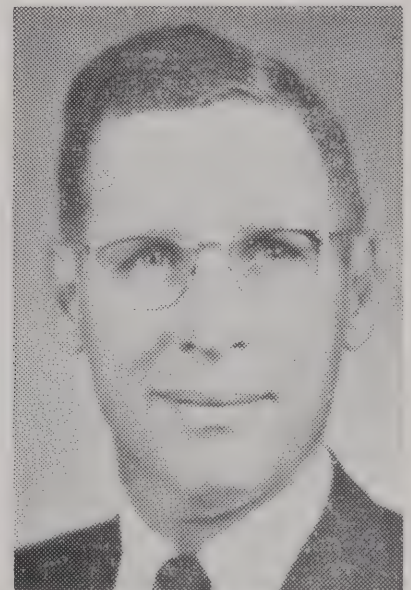
Our band director is Robert Sexton, the Home-making Department is headed by Mrs. Rosa Maria Huerta; the Agriculture Department is directed by Bob Morris, and Al Foreman is head Coach.

The current school board is composed of: Mrs. Ray Holbein, President; Juan Vasquez Vice-President, for several years recently resigned, and had not been replaced at this writing; Mrs. Elma G. Cantu, Secretary; Rueben E. Montalvo, Eugene Dittlinger, Don Meyer and Augustin Ramirez, Sr., trustees.



GYM — HI — SCHOOL

A. L. PEAY, SUPT.



THE 6TH SCHOOL HOUSE, AND THIRD AT PRESENT SITE. IT Housed THE FIRST GYM.

COMPLIMENTS OF  
VICTORIA'S SHOP  
General Merchandise

LA 7-3513

Box 145

Hebbbronville

COMPLIMENTS OF  
3 POINTS SERVICE STATION  
BETO YBANEZ

HEBBRONVILLE

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"WAITING AT THE STATION" (TEX-MEX) .....



ABOVE — FIRST TWO BUICKS DELIVERED TO HEBBRONVILLE VIA RAIL, OWNED BY HENRY EDDS AND R. R. HOLBEIN, SR. — TO LEFT OF CAR NEAREST DEPOT: HOLBEIN & HENRY TIMBERLAKE, TO RIGHT OF OTHER CAR, G. A. CARMICHAEL.



TO RIGHT — (TOP) — LADIES, "WAITING FOR A TRAIN" — BOTTOM — MORE LADIES AT THE WELLS - FARGO (EXPRESS) DOOR — MAYBE WAITING ON A PACKAGE OF "SPLENDOR" FROM THE "COUNTRY BEYOND" — ?

BELOW — GANG CREW ON GANG CAR. (READY TO GO FIX A RAIL — ?)



COMPLIMENTS OF  
TALLEY'S FLORIST

HEBBRONVILLE

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COMPLIMENTS OF  
CONZALEZ PLUMBING

HEBBRONVILLE

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FRODDING CATTLE WITH "HOT SHOT" TOWARD  
DIPPING VAT.



COMING OUT OF THE DIPPING VAT — SHAKING  
OFF THE TICKS.



- Obey The Laws -



ONE OF THE LAST OF HIS KIND



CONFISCATED ILLEGALLY ENTERED MESCAL AND TEQUILA —  
ALONZO TAYLOR (IN WHITE SHIRT) AND PELL HARBISON (2ND  
FROM RIGHT).

**RANCHERS SUPPLY CO.**  
INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER TRACTOR AND  
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**HARDWARE**  
PHONE LA 7-3429      HEBBRONVILLE, TEXAS



BEEFMASTERS AT LA VIOLETA — H. GARZA



1350 — TEXAS LONGHORNS — FROM WILLIAM McMURREY ALBUM.



HEREFORD HEIFERS IN LOCAL STOCK PENS AWAITING SHIPMENT — G. W. HOLBEIN — LA CASA BLANCA.



GRAZING CROPS — DANA HELLEN



VELA BROS. RANCH — REGISTERED SANTA GERTRUDIS CATTLE



THE DROUGHT IN 1952 (OCT)

## CATTLE BUSINESS, 1963

The cattle business continues to be the first industry of Jim Hogg County, and the men who are today conducting this business are in many cases heirs of the old times.

Generally speaking the past 15 years have been good ones for the rancher. A good 400 lb. calf brings about \$100.00.

To day they have fewer, and different, problems with which to cope and they enjoy many advantages unknown in the days gone by.

We still have severe droughts but now we have available supplemental feed and easy transportation, both unknown to the early trail blazers. Pear burning has been greatly improved with the use of butane fuel and our local butane agencies render splendid service.

Not too long ago the cattle were gathered into herds by men on horseback, then they were shaped up, driven by men on horseback to rail roads for shipment to Ft. Worth, or New Orleans, or Kansas City. Now all that has changed. Cattle are handled much easier and transportation is by huge trucks which come to the cattle for pick up. Kaufer & Blue Co., managed by Mr. Woods Callaway gives excellent and reliable service to South Texas ranchers.

Most cattle shipments come to our Hebbronville Auction and Commission Co., where we can go in just a matter of hours or a day and watch our cattle sell. Within the hour our check is ready to pick up - a far cry from the old way. The Hebbronville Auction and Commission Co. was organized in the spring of 1960 by some of our enterprising citizens. The original directors were: Mr. Roy Yaeger, President - Tom M. Harper, Manager-Director, and Julian Gomez, Dennis P. McBride, Charles Hellen, Jr., C. K. Gravis, Mr. Jake Rathmell, J. O. Walker, and Monroe Wiederkehr. Mr. C. K. Gravis sold his stock and was replaced by Enrique G. Gonzalez of Rio Grande City, Texas.

In 1962, 55,000 head of cattle were sold through the Auction and Commission Co.

Many cattle go to packing houses, more back to the ranches for stocker purposes, but the majority of the young cattle go to the numerous feed lots in South Texas and the Western states. All finished beef is now produced by the feeder. The feeding business is a highly scientific operation and is carried on by trained personnel with the help of modern machinery.

The once vast ranches are gradually being divided



ROY YAEGER — FIRST PRESIDENT OF AUCTION

into smaller tracts as the older owners pass on. The smaller the tract, the less practical and less profitable is the operation of ranching, but this industry has given us a way of life as colorful and interesting as any of the sagas of history which have made South Texas famous.



TOM M. HARPER — General Manager



HEBBRONVILLE AUCTION & COMMISSION COMPANY



HOLSTEINS BEING RAISED ON HINNANT — FULBRIGHT RANCH.

#### BAKING INDUSTRY

One of the first bakeries that anyone mentions when the subject is brought up is the one that stood somewhere near the present water works. It had a large dome shaped oven that was outside and several iron doors around the dome. It was made of concrete, I think, over fire bricks and the days produce was taken from the oven on a long wooden paddle. Naturally, it was mesquite that burned in the grate below. The aroma was wonderful and so was the "pan dulce."

The Gus Minges Bakery was a thriving business and almost all old timers will remember it. Mr. Minges came here from Germany and married Dora Almaraz, a sister of Mrs. Jim Gonzalez.

I believe there was a bakery in the grocery store that was owned by Mr. Zengerle and Mr. Schroeder and it was in the building where Tommy Winfield Motors is now located.

In about 1937 the Chapman's came to live.. For more than 25 years they turned out delicious cakes, pies, cookies, donuts, bread and hot rolls, not to mention special orders.

The first wedding cake Mr. Chapman made in Hebbronville was for the marriage of Quita Guilford and Frank Mitchell. (She is the "coordinator extraordinaire" for this 50th anniversary celebration.)

Mr. Lee Chapman sold his business to Arturo Alvarez, who has since moved to a new building just east of the post office block.

#### DAIRYING

Hebbronville had always been known as a cow country and where there are cows there are certain to be dairies.

Prior to World War II, and for several years after, it was common practice for the housewife to have milk delivered to the door. I, for one

liked the idea! But time changes everything and this is certainly true of the dairy business. No longer do we see the milk trucks of the local dairies making their daily rounds, but the dairies, in many cases, are still here.

Once the whole operation was carried on by hand. Now it is one of automation. They used to herd the animals into a barn, and there a man would do the milking. Now they herd them into a "parlor" no less, and a milking machines cuts the chore down considerably.

Most of the dairies in this area have their own stainless steel pipelines and stainless steel tanks where the milk is stored until it is picked up by one of the large creameries of our area. They pick up the milk in huge trucks, also stainless steel and refrigerated.

Perhaps it would be amiss to say dairying was one of the prime industries of Jim Hogg County, but certainly there are a number of people in this business and it means more prosperity for the whole community.

It would be most difficult to name the dairies operating here today and rather than leave one out by accident, I'd rather not name any, but I must pay tribute to those who can claim a great part in the good health of our people. We'll never forget the dairies of Henry Woods, Gill's, Travis Richardson, Las Palmas, and Gentry's. The fat healthy babies of those days meant the milk was coming from well fed, well tended, "contented cows."



MINGES BAKERY — TAKEN ABOUT 1928.

## OIL INDUSTRY IN HEBBRONVILLE

In the early 1920's Oil was discovered in South Texas, namely Mirando City. The stories of the late O. W. Killam who brought in that first commercial oil well are legion. He justly deserved the title "King Petro" which was conferred on him in 1937 at the Oil Men's Jubilee in Laredo.

Mr. R. O. Middlebrook of Hebbronville drilled that first "wild cat."

The first commercial production in Jim Hogg County was found in 1924, in the Henn-Winch-Farris Field, which later became known as Thompsonville.

The first 4 large companies to lease lands in the county were: Texas Co., Magnolia, Sun and Humble. All of them held extensive leases by 1926.

There have been 3 major fields in Jim Hogg Co. - Colorado Field, Prado on the S. K. East ranch, and West Thompsonville - a gas field.

This exciting and colorful business of black gold has contributed substantially to the economic well-being of the county, the schools, and the business of Hebbronville generally, as well as to the land & lease owner.

In 1961 Jim Hogg County produced more than four million barrels of crude oil and 22 billion cubic feet of natural gas. There were 991 producing wells in the county, and 48% of the local property taxes collected for the Jim Hogg County Independent School District came from oil and gas operators.

Currently oil properties within the county valued for tax purposes, in excess of twenty million dollars, and that's big business in anybody's language.



OTTO MIDDLEBROOK NEXT TO DRILL STEM --  
MRS. MIDDLEBROOK IS FURTHEREST RIGHT.



N O W



NOT IDENTIFIED — MIRANDO VALLEY FIELD



1963 STYLE — AS SEEN ON  
THE HOLBEIN RANCH

## THE ELECTRIC POWER OF JIM HOGG COUNTY

As our communities grow our utilities expand and no better record of progress can be found than that shown by the electric industry in this area.

Prior to 1920 kerosene, gas, and Delco lighting was the thing in Jim Hogg County. but in that year Mr. Viggo Kohler, a very prominent man, granted to two gentlemen from San Antonio, the use of a parcel of land for the express purpose of erecting an electric light plant of sufficient capacity to supply the demands of this city.



Reading for left to right are the Hebbronville CPL Office personnel: Ruben Lopez, Serviceman; Otto Remmert, Manager; Maria Saenz, Cashier; Juan Salinas, Serviceman. Photo taken in 1959

### C P & L FLOAT AT WATERMELON FESTIVAL PARADE



Central Power and Light Company Float in the Hebbronville Watermelon Festival Parade. Riding float are Misses Grace Morante, Yolanda R. Gonzalez, Miss Alma Molina and Angelita Perez.

COMPLIMENTS OF

W. L. COTTON

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS

For many months these two men tried to meet the needs but their equipment was old and small, and even the few hours a day when power was supposed to be available were filled with frequent "breakdowns". Finally they had to give up and Hebbronville went back to Delco and Kerosene.

Then, Mr. J. D. Nance of Kingsville saw the need in Hebbronville and purchased the old system from Epigmenio Herrera. Mr. Herrera had loaned the original owners several thousand dollars and when forced to close down he took the defunct plant as payment of the debt. After many repairs, the light company was again ready to serve the public. The plant was giving much better service but it still operated only at night until 11:00 P. M. Thursday was "Ironing Day", and the power was on all day. In 1926 the 12 hour service was established and shortly there after Mr. Nance sold the plant to Central Power and Light Company.

Immediately repairs were made and new machinery was added, and very shortly the company started giving 24 hour service. The rates were decreased and house wives started to buy electric gadgets for their homes.

Several times during the years, the C. P. & L. has greatly improved its plant and machinery and its service is excellent today.

Certainly C. P. & L. can be proud of its part in the upbuilding of Jim Hogg County.

Mr. Otto Remmert, the present manager is very active in all civic affairs.

His staff at C. P. & L. includes Maria Saenz, Juan Salinas, and Ruben Lopez all well known for their efficient service.



### TELEPHONE COMPANY

The Hebbronville telephone exchange was purchased from the S. G. Smith Telephone Company in 1926, by the Laredo and Southwestern Telephone Company and at that time had about 135 subscribers, and a monthly payroll of \$160.00.

In 1930 the Del Rio and Winter Garden Telephone Company purchased the exchange and by this time they had 150 subscribers and a few toll lines out of Hebbronville. They were connected with Bell Telephone system at Laredo on the west, and eastward to the Bell Telephone Company lines out of Alice.

Since 1930 the progress has been tremendous, and several outstanding changes have taken place.

For one thing Southwestern Bell Telephone Company took over the exchange in about 1953 and they have in the past two years moved from their old downtown location to a lovely new building of their own, and secondly they have installed the dial system.

Through the years these people have given us good service as office managers: Elida Perez Heras, Juanita Perez Vasquez, Mrs. Hazel Snow, Aurora Treviño, Mrs. Knocker, Velia Treviño Paz, Osvelia Salinas Gutierrez, and Coralia Gutierrez Barrera.

Mr. L. R. Gagne, who died some time ago, was local plant and toll line manager for many years, and Mr. Juventino Morante has also been with the company for many years.

Leo Lancaster is currently in charge of the local plant where convenience is really a by-word. Just by lifting the receiver and dialing we have direct communication with our merchants, friends and loved ones.



UNITED GAS OFFICE — 512 GALBRAITH STREET — HEBBRONVILLE

## *Hebbronville has had Natural Gas Since 1925*

Citizens of Hebbronville have enjoyed dependable natural gas service since 1925, when a predecessor company of United Gas first piped gas to the city from nearby Bruni field.

The two inch line, which extended 13 miles of brush country between Bruni and Hebbronville was constructed by Texas Border Gas Company. United Gas replaced the original line with a larger facility after taking over the gas system in 1930. Considerable growth has occurred since then, and today, served by a network of pipelines criss-crossing the Gulf South, the city of Hebbronville is assured of plentiful supply of natural gas at all times.

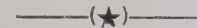
In 1930, less than 500 customers were receiving gas service at Hebbronville. The number has increased continually and today United Gas also serves residents of other nearby towns, including Bruni, Oilton, Mirando City, Aguilares and some farms. In addition to its local residential customers, United Gas also serves a Hotel, several restaurants, dry cleaners and many other business establishments.

Mr. Robert Hinnant, well known pioneer citizen in the community, was the first applicant for gas service in Hebbronville. His gas meter was set on February 25, 1925. He still enjoys the use of gas in the same home, using most of the gas appliances on the market today.

As the number of customers in Hebbronville increased, so did the number of miles of distribution mains and service lines. In 1931 there were less than 10 miles of mains and service lines within the city limits of the community. At the end of 1962, United Gas was operating more than 23 miles of mains and service lines here.

Alton B. Hafer, a 16-year employee of United Gas, is the company's local representative. Hafer, who came to Hebbronville in 1960, joined the company in 1947 at Rosenberg. He is married and has three children. In addition to his duties with United Gas, Hafer is active in local civic affairs. He is currently serving as director of the Chamber of Commerce, and formerly served as County Crusade Chairman for the American Cancer Society.

Miss Hortensia Cruz, accounting clerk for the company, is a 32-year employee. She has spent her entire career with United Gas at Hebbronville. Also active in civic affairs, Miss Cruz has worked with the Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes and the Boy Scouts of America campaigns and also in church affairs.



### DO YOU REMEMBER . . . . ?

When Hebbronville was incorporated? It was for maybe six months and George Edds was the mayor.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION SALUTES

**Jim Hogg County**  
**On Its 50th Anniversary**



**Hebbronville Lions Club**

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1948

F. ACEBO, PRES. — F. SALINAS, SECY.

H. RAMIREZ, TREAS.



HEBBRONVILLE WATER TOWER,, AND OFFICE, AND NOTE THE RESERVOIR IN LEFT BACKGROUND.

#### HEBBRONVILLE HOSPITAL

Since April 1, 1961, Hebbronville has been able to boast of its own hospital. It is located just a few blocks from the center of town and is owned by Doctor and Mrs. F. C. Glendenning.

This is an open staff hospital whose facilities are available to any physician in the county who is in good standing with his professional society, and is licensed to practice in Texas.

The hospital is fully recognized by the state, the American Hospital Association, and Blue Cross.

Since its opening the plant has cared for 769 bed patients and 1325 have been treated in the emergency room. 178 babies have been born here, and with its complete surgical facilities, 182 operations have been performed.

The hospital maintains a "walking" blood bank which has processed and given 102 pints of blood.

The nursing staff is headed by Mrs. Ramiro Garza, a registered nurse who is a graduate of Hebbronville High School. She worked for several years for Dr. Glendenning, in the office, before completing her training at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

Regular classes are held for nursing assistants. Some of these graduates stay on the hospital staff while others have taken positions in other hospitals.

A fully equipped laboratory and X-ray room are part of this modern establishment.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Glendenning take an active part in the hospital's work management.

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#### HEBBRONVILLE UTILITIES, INC.

Once known as the "land of windmills", (for every home had one,) Hebbronville now boasts an abundant supply of pure water which comes from artesian wells owned and operated by Hebbronville Utilities, Inc.

This company was organized in 1936 with Roy Yaeger as President; W. R. Quilliam, Vice President; W. A. Dannelley, Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Clara Yaeger as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The purity and high quality of Hebbronville water is widely known through out this section of Texas.

The company has grown steadily through the years now serving almost 1,150 consumers.

Service Charges compare favorably with those of other area towns and the service rendered is most efficient.

The company furnishes free water for fire fighting in Hebbronville, a service which is tremendously important to all residents. Not only does this give us protection but the fire mains and fire hydrants mean a saving on insurance rates.

Mr. Chester Huff is the General Manager of the company, Mrs. Gloria P. Salinas is in charge of book-keeping and Mr. Roberto Gonzalez is in charge of meter reading and repairs. He is assisted by Candelario Gallardo.

Our water works today provides a great deal in the way of sanitation and convenience that was lacking when water was being hauled from house to house by donkey cart and sold by the barrel.

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Did you know that Bobby Finch had a pheasant farm here and sold his birds in the San Antonio Area, where they were served under glass, no doubt!

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Do you remember when every child in town went to Mrs. Edds' to hunt Easter eggs on the Monday after Easter?



HEBBRONVILLE HOSPITAL

## HEBBRONVILLE TODAY

Today's Hebbbronville is a bit changed from the town of 50 years ago. If you approach at night from the Randado road, it presents a lovely sight. The mercury vapor and regular street lights mingle with the neon signs of the business houses in a most colorful and attractive way.

Starting at the picturesque, air conditioned Viggo Hotel, and going on south and east are the main business establishments.

In the hotel is the Jim Hogg County Abstract Company. Since 1947 it has been owned by Mr. Don Marsh, and it is a real necessity to the oil industry.

And helping to keep our oil fields running we find here, Baroid, Milwhite, I M C, and Mageolar, suppliers of drilling mud.. Schlumberger, Halliburton, National Supply and D & B Pump Company are all anxious to serve the oil men of the area.

There are several well servicing companies, namely McRae, Bill Akers & H & M Casing Pulling Co. Welding shops in the area include Rossi Welding and Gate Shop, Martin Welding, Hebbbronville Machine Shop, Dodson Welding Works and Isidro Gutierrez Welding.

Labor gangs are often needed by the oil industry and we have several labor contractors in Hebbbronville — Roy Johnson, Gene Garner, and Pro Deer.

Humble Oil, Mobil Oil, Sun Oil, and Texas Company all have warehouses which supply local as well as outlying oil field needs.

On various corners of the town, up to date service stations appear. They feature the products of the Texas Company, Gulf Oil, Humble, Aycock, Sinclair, Mobil, and Phillips 66.

And all "downtowners" are handy to the Manhattan Cafe, C. O. D. Cafe, Franks Cafe, and the City Cafe & Bakery.

Doerfler's Town Club is nearby.

El Rancho Theater is a busy spot. It has wide screen and all other modern equipment and is capably managed by the very popular Mr. and Mrs. Al Knopp who have been in the business here since 1933.

At the east end of our main street, the new Drive-In Theater of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Vasquez is a real attraction. They enjoy all modern facilities, too.

Good food at popular prices is provided by our local grocery stores. Piggly Wiggly, Doerflers, City Grocery & Market, El Globo, and Hilltop Drive-In are among the larger stores. In the outlying residential areas almost every block has its own special store where grocery buying is made easy.

The Economy Store, Victoria's Shop, The New York Store and Joe's Shop are "outfitters" for the whole family. The Style Shoppe and the Specialty Shop cater to the ladies trade and Moore's Cleaners & Men's Shop help our male population "Stay Stylish."

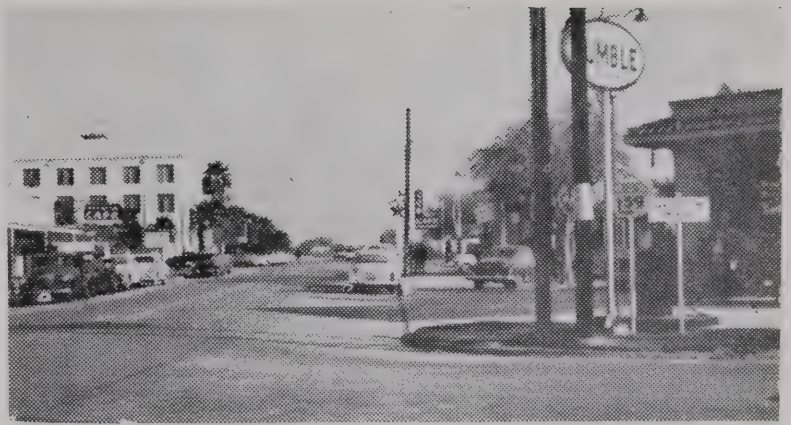
Foster's is the only 5c to \$1.00 variety store in town. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Foster Averitt.

Lunz Pharmacy, Aris Drug, and Corner Drug all provide excellent prescription service, not to mention the coffee & coke trade.

Wildenthal Hardware and Ranchers Supply Co. have been supplying ranch and farm needs for many years. At one time Wildenthals sold more windmills than any other dealer in Texas.

Giving excellent service to our ranchers are Hunter Butane Company and Jet Butane Company. They also cover the oil field.

Kaufer & Blue Cattle Trucks are always in demand for livestock hauling.



HEBBRONVILLE SCENE (TOWARD HOTEL)

Alamo Freight and Southwestern Motor Freight give fast and dependable delivery service through out this area.

Swain's Ford Motor Company, Forbes Chevrolet Company, The Hebbbronville Motor Company, The M and R Pontiac Company, will sell you any car you want. And in the area are several good garages. To name a few, Winfield Motors and Barrera Brothers.

Stetson Insurance Agency is an old & respected business where all insurance needs are available.

Alamo Lumber, Southwest Lumber and Luis Garza Lumber have yards here and feature many things for the builder and the "do-it-yourself" fan.

Gonzalez Appliance and Hub Furniture are new business. They are managed by Adan Gonzales and Chico Ramirez respectively. Central Furniture is a very old and well known store and all three feature name brands and offer excellent repair service.

Shopping for gifts and lovely floral arrangements is a pleasure at Talley's, Hopkins, Elidas, Quita's or Martinez Shop.

W. E. Felton has been the owner of Home Ice Company for many years and it occupies the same location it did long ago.

The hospital is right in the center of town, so to speak, and is a real convenience to people of the area.

Since 1961 Howard-Williams has had a funeral home here. The attractive building is across from the Texas-Mexican Railroad Depot.

If it's beauty you seek, we have several beauty shops in town and in the residential areas, and the same is true of our barber shops.

In recent years the cattle men have come to depend on feed other than that in their own pastures and Martinez Feed and Seed Co., and Holbein Feed and Seed Company are as near as your phone. Tanks and land clearing are much more popular now than in days gone by, and A. P. Wedgeworth and Reynaldo Almaraz give excellent service in this line of work.

Other necessary services are supplied by several dry-cleaning establishments; the Soliz Soe Shop; Montalvo's Radio and Refrigeration, and the City Tortilla Factory!

Many drive in stands provide cold drinks and short orders and Montalvo's Liquor Store and Yzaguirre's Liquor Store carry a full line of merchandise.

There is really little need to leave town for your shopping and if this little tour has tired you, remember the hotel where we started, or our beautiful new Stockman Motel. It is right in town and features every modern convenience and comfort and a swimming pool for the pleasure of its guests.

Hebbbronville is really "our town", and we love to boost it every day, not just every 50 years!



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (OLD CHURCH) — REMODELED



DON SCOTUS COLLEGE



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (NEW CHURCH)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Foreseeing the future of Hebbronville, Rev. Father Miguel Puig started working for the edification of the Catholic Church in 1893. The first stone was set June 13, of that year. Among the witnesses of this ceremony were Mr. Narciso Peña and his wife Maria Benavides de Peña and James McGover. The completion and blessing of the Church was in 1899. It was a structure of 50 x 28 of stone "Tepetate", in the Gothic Style. It was named San Isidro, in honor of the Patron Saint of the Farmer.

A few months later Father Puig was transferred to San Patricio and the succeeding priest commuted from San Diego until the death of Father Pedro Bord in 1920. In those years the priests traveled to the surrounding ranches on horseback. Rev. Father L. Cunningham served until 1922 and Rev. Father John B. Lavoie until 1925.

During the religious prosecution in Mexico in 1926, His Excellence M. B. Ledvina, D. D. gave the Franciscan Order permission to take charge of the parish in Hebbronville, and surrounding towns in Jim Hogg, Duval and Webb. At this time, the name of the Church was changed to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first Priest in charge was Rev. Father Bernardino Madueno, O. F. M. In 1927 an annex of 40 x 28 of stucco was built on the North side, under the supervision of Rev. Father P. Otalora.

Due to the generosity of Mrs. Stella F. Kennedy, the main altar was donated to the church in 1936, in memory of her husband, Mr. J. Gregory Kenedy. In 1937, Mrs. Pilar B. Guerra donated the side altar. These altars are a thing of beauty, as they are made of fine carved sanded cedar, brought from San Luis Potosi, S. P. Mexico. It is believed that it is the only piece of art of its kind in South Texas.

In 1944 the Don Scotus College was completed and blessed by His Excellence Most Rev. Bishop Mariano S. Garriga, Bishop of Corpus Christi. The purpose of the College is for the education of students in South Texas and Mexico. The project was in charge of Rev. Father F. Cueto, O. F. M. and the architect was Jose Alvarez.

As the population increased, it was deemed necessary to build a larger church. The first stone was blessed on September 18, 1946 and construction started some years later. It is still an unfinished project, but complete enough to be partially used. The priest in charge today is Rev. F. A. Luis Velasquez, OFM.

The Immaculate Church was built in 1941 on the South side of Hebbronville under supervision of Rev. Father P. Otalora. It is reported that the first couple married in this church was Josefa Avalos and Anacleto Garcia.

Two of the most notable benefactresses of the Catholic Churches in Hebbronville are Mrs. Elenita Kennedy and the late Mrs. Sarita K. East. They not only have rendered financial aid, but by devotion for mankind have placed personal interest on all that is needy. Franciscan Fathers are forever appreciative to them and to all the people of Hebbronville and Jim Hogg County who continually contribute so generously.

## CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The oldest and most active of the Catholic Societies is the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Society". It was founded on October 15, 1928, after a group of men and women gathered in the offices of the Franciscan Convent, under the direction of Rev. Father Serafin Barragon, O. F. M.

Its main purpose was to work for the improvement of the church. In August 1929 a parish hall was built. A few years later, through suggestion of the members, the men separated to organize their own club. The first president for the ladies was Lilia E. Garza and Adolfo Vela Vasquez for the men. The 1963 president is Aurora Eliza Salazar.

The Saint Theresa Mother's Club was formed in 1953 by initiative of Mrs. Juan Benavides and assisted by Mrs. Estela O. Boynton. The initial duty was to assist and cooperate with the Sisters of the Little Flower School. Its first president was Mrs. Julian Gomez, Jr. and at present, Mrs. Alicia Gonzalez directs the group under the supervision of Sister Grace.

Besides its regular duties, this Club has always assisted with the community's civic drives, mainly with the Polio "March of Dimes" campaign, and has provided Den Mothers for the Cub Scouts.

The "Sociedad Catolica Mutualista", a Catholic men's organization was founded on April 23, 1937, with the purpose of the study and spreading the Catholic faith among men. The charter membership was 14, under the supervision of Rev. Father Pedro Otalora. The first officers were Sandalio Ramirez, Pres., Rafael M. Garcia, Sec., and Adolfo Vela Vasquez, Treas.

In the years that succeeded, the group has greatly increased to the number of 84. It is a branch of seventeen groups of other cities in Southwest Texas, comprising a total of about 1000 men. This organization has taken active part in community projects and National Welfare drives.

One of the most popular members who deserves special mention for his unselfishness and tireless efforts to preserve the unity of the organization and who has performed his duties with dignity is Don Abelardo Gonzalez, affectionately called "Prieto".

The present officers are Pedro G. Chapa, Pres., Reynaldo Garza, Sec., and Jose Gonzalez, Treas.

The Immaculate Conception Church has its active Immaculate Society, which constantly works and keeps the church in perfectness. It was organized in 1960 under supervision of Rev. Father H. Nuñez, electing as first president Mrs. Zoila G. Lopez. The 1963 elected president is Mrs. Lydia G. Garza.

The Altar Society was the first to be organized, but in 1960 they merged with the Immaculate Society.

Other Catholic Organizations are the Catholic Youth Organization, Daughters of Mary, Venerable Third Order, and Sacred Heart.



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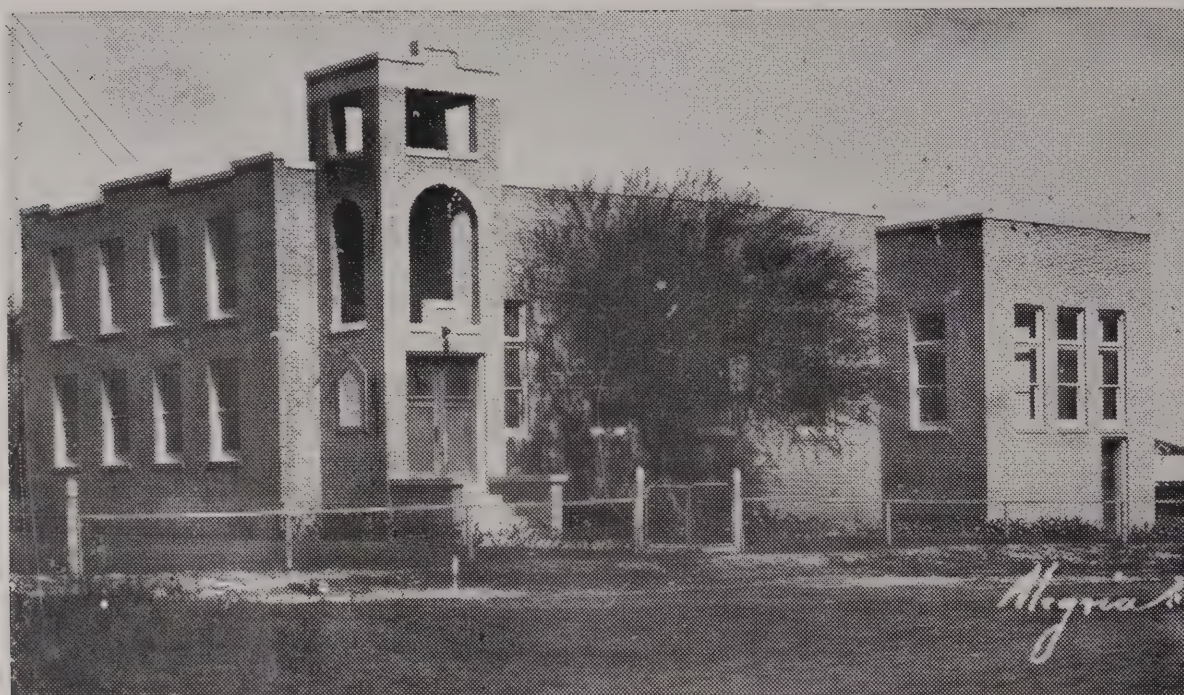
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1928 — NEWLY CONSTRUCTED — FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Hebbronville, Texas was organized August 9, 1909 in a little stone building on the Martinez property just west of the present Catholic Church. Since this was the only public building in town it was used for school five days a week, dances on Saturday, and church worship on Sunday.

When the new frame school house was erected near where Piggly Wiggly now is located, the Church meet there and once each month a Baptist preacher came to preach. A Union Sunday School was held each Sunday.

By 1928 the church had its own church building and the present pastorium was built in 1936.

This past year some remodeling was done at the church. New pews were added and carpet and tile laid on the floors.

Through the years, the members have been most liberal in their gifts to missions.

It would be impossible to name all the fine people who have helped this church, but all are most appreciated.

Pastors have come and gone, but each has played a big part in the growth of this church.

The ladies of the church are most active with their missionary society and the church also has youth groups for the children.



#### BAPTIST W. M. U.

The local W. M. U. has had a continuous work since 1926, according to the secretary's book that was recently found. The minutes go back to September 16, 1926; and record that the previous minutes were read

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized for the purpose of promoting Christian Missions through a program of Mission Study, Prayer, Community Missions, Stewardship and Missionary Education of Youth.

Among the faithful workers of the yester-year the following names often appears: Mesdames D. D. David, M. L. Dale, Henry Edds, G. W. Marshall, W. M. McMurrey, D. C. Ströman, Henry Woods, Bruce Roberts, E. R. Cotulla,

A. W. Saldaña, Chas. Forbes, Earl Walker, P. G. Worthington. Leslie Ory, Gertrude Dodson, Lanie Dannelley and Miss Maude Morgan

During the last 2 decades people have come and gone in rapid succession, but there are some who have been here to carry on the heavy burdens, and continue the work done down through the ages. Some who have "Labored Together With God" these last twenty years are Mesdames: A. G. Hayes, G. W. Brown, W. E. Felton, W. E. Moore, Denver Hopkins. Some more recent helpers have been Mesdames: John Cannon, W. A. Box and Robert Solomon, who will head the officers for the 1963 64 year.

We would like to say that Granny Rogers has been a source of inspiration and joy to those in our church who have known her through the years.

It is interesting to note that the largest rolls of the organization were in 1937 when there were 38 members. Today we have sixteen on roll.

Down through the years we have tried to promote our Youth Orgnaziations, and today we have Mesdames: W. E. Felton, Claud Jungman and J. W. Brisbin leading our Sunbeam Band; and Mrs. Dick Scott and Mrs. Moore with our Girls Auxiliaries.

Each year our organizations have promoted and participated in "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" for Foreign Mission, "The Annie W. Armstrong Offering" for State Missions. Also during many years there have been special offerings for the Baptist Orphanages, Baptist Schools, Baptist Hospitals and Baptist Camps. Many boxes of clothes and linens have gone to the different homes and hospitals. As well as to Missionaries in Korea and Africa.

We do not want to close this summary without mentioning the fact that our society has been blessed by the lives of those dear companions of our pastors. Those women who not only help in every way to keep the things in church on an even keel, but who are the ones behind every pastor to assist him and encourage him in the duties of his pastorate.

May God Bless them all; we, as well as the pastor could not have done without them.



## METHODIST CHURCH — 1912

The Methodist Church was organized December 12, 1912. Church Services and Sunday School were held in the school house, a small building situated in the center of the block where the Post Office building now stands. The building equipped with wooden benches, small oil lamps, and a small organ was shared with the Baptist Church.

This small building was used as the meeting place until the Court House was completed in 1913. At that time churches were given permission to use the court room for services.

In 1927 the three lots on which the present Church and Parsonage now stand were donated. That summer the present sanctuary was started, and completed that winter. The first Service of Worship was held on the second Sunday in January, 1923.

The Church was dedicated in February, 1935.

In July, 1930 a Methodist Sunday School was organized with 62 members.

In 1936 Hebbbronville became a full time station and a parsonage was built.

In 1946 a Hammond Organ was installed in the sanctuary. In 1948 a vestibule was added and stained glass windows were installed. In 1960 the inside of the church was completely redecorated.

Ground breaking for the W. W. Jones Memorial Educational Building was held on October 18, 1950. On June 21 the building was dedicated.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in December 1924. In 1940 the name was changed to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Since its organization, the group has entered wholeheartedly into all phases of the Church.



## METHODIST WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in December, 1924, with eleven members. Mrs. Robert Hinnant was the first president. Mrs. Gadlury of Alice came over to organize and instruct the members in the work. The ladies of the society had a large part in financing and furnishing the church parsonage. They furnished the pews and other equipment at a cost of \$1000.00. A gift of \$1000.00 was also given to help furnish the parsonage.

In 1940 the name was changed to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Since its organization in 1924 this group has entered wholeheartedly into all phases of church work.

The present officers are: Pres. Mrs. Roy Yaeger; Vice-Pres. Mrs. Woods Callaway; Sec. Mrs. Don Meyer; Treas. Mrs. L. L. David.

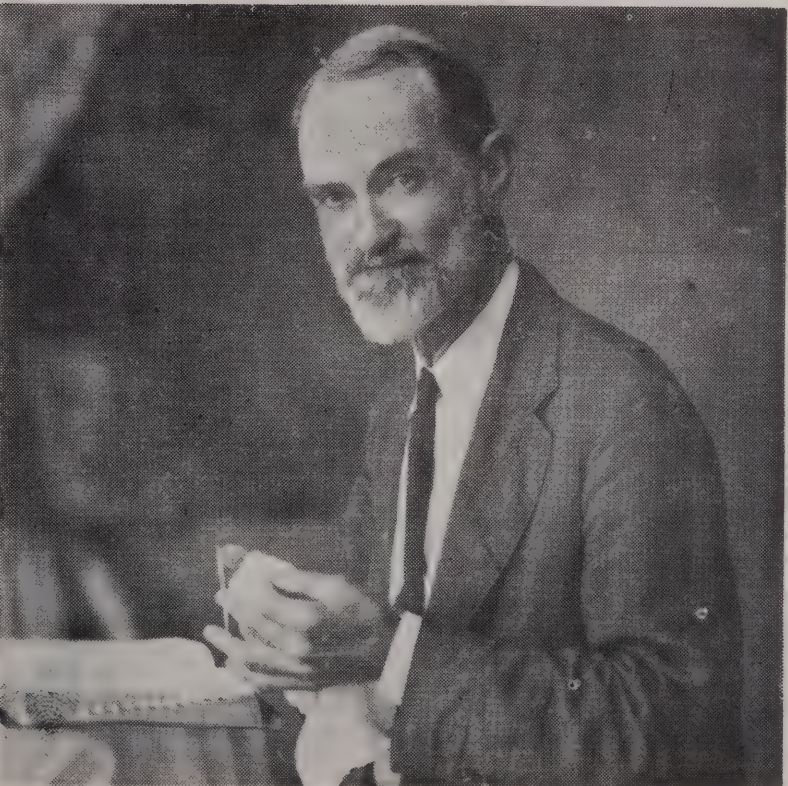


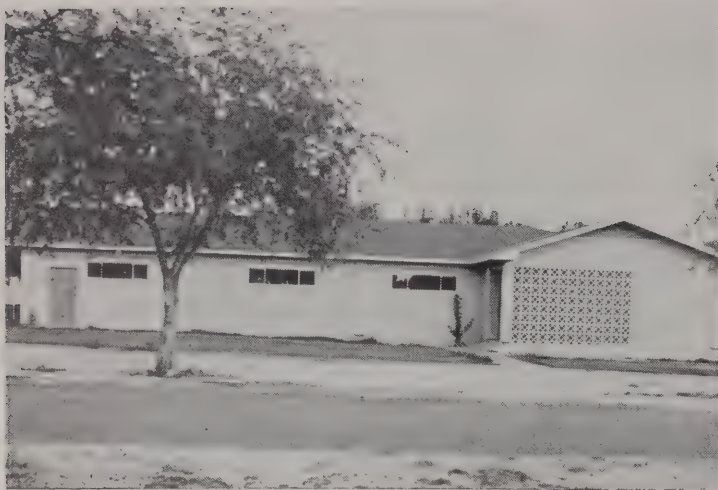
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Center) VIEW OF CHANCEL

Bottom) REV. C. W. PERKINS

First Pastor — 1912—1923





1926 — CHURCH OF CHRIST

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

In the year 1926 a small group of faithful Christians, guided by Mrs. Ida Connaly, felt the need for a Church of Christ.

L. E. Carpenter of Corpus Christi, came over to help them.

Not having a building of their own, they met in the Majestic Theatre for worship for a short time. From there they moved to the County Courthouse, meeting and worshipping there for a number of years. Because of finances they procured the help of a preacher once a month only. Among these were D. C. Williams, L. C. Friely, B. W. Rhodes, Homer Smith, Bomer Gist and N. L. Clark Sr.

In the year 1938, with some 18 members, they had enough funds in the bank to make the down payment on a building. Mr. Viggo Gruy made them a gift of two lots. Only a short time later the building was completed.

Other brethren who came and worked with them in meetings were John O'Dowd, Ira Y. Rice, Jr., M. R. Philips, Woodrow O'Dowd, Roy Stevens, Alex Grubb, Ward Stevens, Jose Diaz, Horace O'Rear.

Years later Doyle Ragsdale moved here. He worked as a regular preacher. During this time classrooms were enlarged and a baptistry added.

In 1927, by the request of Mrs. Henry Woods, the church began work with their Latin American neighbors. There being quite a few members among the Latin Americans who could not understand the English language, it was decided a place of worship for them was desirable.

In the later part of 1950, a lot with concrete block building was located and purchased. There was much work to be done, but with the help of Mrs. Woods and others, it was soon ready for use. Mr. Santiago Martinez conducted the opening service.

Other Spanish speaking preachers who labored with them were Larry O'Rear, Salvador Magna, Mr. Coronado, Fausto Camacho, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. M. A. Wright and Alfredo Lujan, who was regular minister for more than a year.

Mr. Joe Brooks labored with both congregations for four years. In 1959 Mr. Jack Norman was called to Hebbronville. During this time it was decided to build a new church which was completed in 1962.

Thanks be to God for all who have labored through the years to plant and keep the church in Hebbronville, Texas

### THE LATIN-AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH

The Latin-American Methodist Church of Hebbronville, Texas is one of the most recently organized churches in the community. In 1933 under the Rev. Ezequiel Alvarez, the Latin-American Methodist Church of Laredo, Texas included in its mission program several rural communities. Among these, Hebbronville. The first Sunday School was organized in 1935.

Renewed activity brought about the organization of the Women's Society of Christian Service, a group of faithful women workers who have brought hope to many homes in need of spiritual tidings.

As a result of all these activities, it became evident that there should be a worker permanently installed. The 16th of October 1937 a worker was named to take charge. On December 19th, 1937, the first Quarterly Conference was held.

In his report to the Annual Conference, the Rev. Jose Gonzalez reported a total of 46 members received; and an average Sunday School attendance of 65. During Rev. Gonzalez's stay in Hebbronville, a church parsonage was built; a lot was bought, thanks to a \$220 donation given to the church by Miss Pilar Garcia; and a church construction fund of \$385 was reported, such fund used in the church that is now in use. Also shortly afterward, another lot was added to the church property, thanks to the support and cooperation of a group of people interested in the progress of this small church.

People who helped build the church: Miss Mamie Robinson, Miss Evangelina Ramirez, Layman Aurelio Alva, Rev. Vicente Rodriguez, Rev. Jose Gallegos, Laymen Raul Salazar, Laymen Santiago Ibarra, Mrs. Maria del Refugio Garcia, Mrs. Francisca Torres, Mrs. Elisa David, Rev. Eduardo Lujan, Rev. Jose Gonzalez.



1933 — LATIN-AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Since September, 1937 a few members of the Church of Christ have met each Sunday in the courtroom at the County Court house.

Though small in number, the members have continued to meet and in recent years have added several new forces to their congregation.

Church services are held at 11:00 A. M. each Sunday morning and for 25 years, Lee Chapman has been the faithful minister. About two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Cope and family of Alice, Texas joined the group and he has taken over some of the preaching.

It is hoped that by the time this book is published the members will have their own building, for plans are progressing toward that goal.



## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

The Jehovah's Witnesses of Hebbronville meet at the Kingdom Hall located at 610 Martinez Street.

They have at least 5 weekly classes: Watchtower Study, 4:00 p. m., Sunday; Bible Study, 8:00 p. m., Wednesday; Theocratic Ministry School, 7:00 p. m., Friday; Service Meeting, 8:00 p. m., Friday; Public Lectures, Regularly, 3:00 p. m., Sunday.

The Spanish congregation was established in Hebbronville in 1960 as part of the circuit in the tip of South Texas.



## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

There has been an Assembly of God congregation meeting in Hebbronville for a number of years. They have met in the courthouse and also in other buildings in town, but always with the hope of having their own meeting house.

Some years ago they acquired property in the north west residential section of town and about two years ago they got their building. It is a white shingle structure of ample size, and the members meet there for services on Sunday morning, Sunday night and on Thursday night.

For a number of years Mr. Gibson has been the pastor, but as we go to press, we learn that he has resigned and his replacement will not arrive for several days



ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH — 1940

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The first Holy Communion Service of the Episcopal Church was held in Hebbronville on March 24, 1940.

The small group of church members usually met in the afternoon, and the service was held at the Methodist Church until St. James Church and Parish House were built.

In 1941, the Sales Episcopal Guild was organized and soon became known for their diligence in Guild projects.

The first confirmation class was presented in 1942.

On June 30, 1950, the long awaited dream came true with the dedication of St. James Church and Parish House.

Since December, 1950 the Guild has had an annual Christmas Tea, a much looked for event.

In recent years the Episcopal Young Churchmen was organized for the young people and it is well attended. These men have served the church: Rev. M. B. Sales, Rev. Claude Canterbury, Rev. Benjamin H. Smith, Rev. Christian Kehl, Rev. Paul Whiteside, Rev. Rufus Stewart, Rev. Konrad E. Kelley, Jr., Rev. James V. Norwood, Rev. Milton Brown.

## BOY SCOUTING

Scouting in Hebbronville was started with the organization of Troop No. 87 in 1937 with 26 boys, under the leadership of Rev. L. N. Meyers, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The troop has been sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 357, Rotary Club, Company "C" of 737th Tank Battalion, Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post No. 2011, and the First Methodist Church.

At the present time Troop No. 87 is sponsored by the First Methodist Church with Alton (Rip) Martin as Scoutmaster, and there are approximately 40 scouts divided into four patrols.

In 1954, The Hebbronville Scouting Committee was organized for the purpose of providing a place, adequate for a complete scouting program; namely camping grounds, buildings, etc.

The Long Brothers Theaters of Bay City provided the ground on a long term lease at \$1.00 per year, and by 1955 the park area had been so well developed that it was turned over to the Scouts and their sponsors at a very impressive service.

## CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 88, chartered by the Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, and sponsored by the Rotary Club, has been active in Hebbronville since March, 1950.

The Cub Scout program is a three year program of fun, crafts, activities and service dedicated to God and country, leading directly into the Boy Scout program. A Cub Scout who has won his Webelos Badge may skip the Boy Scout Tenderfoot rank.

Jim Hogg County boys have spent 415-years in cubbing, with the number of boys completing the three year program probably standing at the 125 mark.

The "fun" activities have been many for Pack 88 boys—trips to Padre Island and Port Aransas for fishing and swimming, trips to the circus, train rides and visits to local places of interest.

Many of the boys have their first contact with crafts in cubbing, as each month's activities include handwork such as leathercraft, carving, jewelry making, painting or building. Cubs in Pack 88 have made many Indian Costumes and artifacts for their Advancement Ceremonies, which have brought them recognition from all the Aztec District of the Gulf Coast Council.



Cub Scouts: Oscar Cerda, Douglas Villarreal, Abelardo Perez III, Fernando Benavides, Higinio Fuentes, James L. Johnson, Ascencion Gonzalez, Jr., Elbert David, Chas. Frank Weathersby, Carlos Vela, Gocha Ramirez, Ramiro Javier Molina, David Soliz, Mario Muñoz, Eduardo Coronado, Ismael Garza, E. Jaime Garza, Adan Perez, Frankie Huerta, Jorge Garza; and Den Chief Theron Weathersby. BSA.



L. TO R. — GERALD HAFER; HUGO MUNOZ; JOE SOLIZ; AND PAUL G. HOWARD. TROOP 87.

Many ribbons hang from the Cub Scout flagstaff, in recognition of community service, such as participation in a nation-wide "Get Out the Vote" campaign, and distribution of Civil Defense material. Participation in the Scout-O-Rama, held annually in Laredo, has won other ribbons for the Pack, including blue ribbons for their Indian Dances and ceremonies.

Hebbronville Cubmasters and Den Mothers have received their training in Laredo, under District Executives Karl Schriner and Roland Post.

Cubmasters for Pack 88 have been Frank Salinas, J. L. Hicks, Paul Duncan, Murry Mattox, J. M. Bozada, Alton Martin, Robert McBryde and Milton Wiese. Alton Hafer now holds that post.

Mrs. Melvin Haner and Mrs. Hope Dinn were the first Den Mothers. Since that time Mesdames Lloyd Staggs, J. B. Gebhart, Jack Mims, J. D. Robertson, L. C. Ochoa, R. C. Montalvo, Foster Averitt, R. B. Franks, Peter MacCallum, Elma Rivas, Maria Lopez, R. A. Wied, R. W. Howe, Ben Goodwyn, J. M. Benavides, Chester Huff, Lela Hamm, Leopoldo Gomez, Don Marsh, Beatrice Guerra, Estela Delgado, Barbara Davis, M. G. Forbes, W. C. Barfield, C. R. La Grone, Dale Ricketson, Alton Martin, Paul Greusel, George Holbein, W. C. Wyers, Tom Bednorz, Juan Salazar, John Lewis, Isabel Garza, Annette Segura, Charlene Deaton, Milton Wiese, F. C. Glendenning, Floyd Goss, Antonio Soliz and A. E. Powers have served.

Den Mothers active at the present time are Mesdames Frank Huerta, Anita Molina, James Johnson and L. T. Weathersby.

Boy Scouts from Troops 281 and 87 have assisted the Den Mothers, with each one who performs his duties satisfactorily being awarded a Den Chief's cord by his Scout Troop.

Many people have shared in the Pack Night activities, a monthly meeting of all the Dens, with their families and friends present to join in the fun and games.

At these meetings, the Cubs put on skits and plays, and display any of their work or collections completed during the month. One of the most important features of Pack Night, from a Cub's point of view is the Advancement Ceremony, usually planned by the Cubs and Den Mothers, and presided over by the Cubmaster when each boy receives the awards he has won during the month.



Seventeen Hebbbronville girl scouts held the spotlight during the Falcon Dam dedication ceremonies when the President paid them special honor in a surprise move which had been kept a carefully-guarded secret up to the last minute.

The girls, members of the "Texas Cactus Troop", officially known as Girl Scout Troop No. 4, had each written the President asking the privilege of meeting him when he came to the border country for the Falcon Dam rites.

Spic and span in new uniforms and accompanied by Mrs. Corkill, Assistant Troop Leader Mrs. L. D. Leatherberry and Mr. Corkill and Mr. Leatherberry, the 17 girls were a center of attraction at the colorful ceremonies.

Those in the Troop are Katherine Duncan, Venice Felton, Alice Lee Gutierrez, Dianne Leatherberry, Charla Boyd Mitchell, Dinah Paul, Betty Lynn Greusel, Rosario Gomez, Barbara Hopkins, Dianne Hellen, Anabel Martinez, Joyce McMillian, Kitty McMillian, Catherine Screws, Linda Staggs, Ruth Summy and Jo Kaden Thomas.

## GIRL SCOUTING

The "Texas Cactus Troop" known as Girl Scout Troop No. 4 was organized in 1951 with 18 members. Mrs. Waters Corkill as Scout Leader was assisted by Mrs. L. D. Leatherberry as assistant troop leader.

The members of the "Texas Cactus Troop" had a memorable experience in 1953 when each one was personally introduced to President Dwight Eisenhower during the Falcon Dam rites.

A Brownie Girl Scout Troop was organized in Hebbbronville in 1954 by Mrs. Thomas Stetson, Jr., who was assisted by Mrs. John Paul and Mrs. Robert Yaeger. Approximately 15 girls belonged to this organization and they had a unique experience in 1957 when they were televised on the Captain Jim program in Corpus Christi.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Hebbbronville unit of the Knights of Columbus was issued a charter April 2, 1939 with 29 charter members. The first Grand Knight was Rafael Garcia.

The purpose of this organization is to aid the Catholic Church in every possible way and there are approximately 40 members who meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each week in the Catholic Hall. Jaime Muñoz is presently Grand Knight.



## ROTARY CLUB

The Hebbbronville Rotary Club was sponsored and organized by the Laredo Rotary Club in February, 1927 with 22 charter members, with Fred Pattonas first president.

Civic projects have been Boy Scout work, organization of Boy Scout troops, promotion of high school football teams, instituting of traffic regulations, passing of stock laws, establishing fund for underprivileged children, sponsoring work of local fire department, endorsing and helping establish county library, and the donation of the Hackberry trees which line the entrance into town. The last president was Alton B. Hafer.



## ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

The Hebbbronville Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star No. 808 was instituted August 15, 1928. The charter was granted October 25, 1928 with eighteen original members. The first Worthy Matron was Myrtie Dale. Since its origination there have been 183 members belonging to this chapter.

Projects have been varied - helping financially with the O. E. S. Home in Arlington, Korean Orphans, books to foreign countries, and scholarships for Texas young people to study in the fields of ministry, music and education. The present Worthy Matron is Ann Cochran.



## MASONIC LODGE

Hebbbronville Lodge No. 1243 was organized and granted a charter December 9, 1927. The first Worshipful Master was John Corrigan. The Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month in the hall above Wildenthal Hardware. It is interesting to note that this building was originally constructed by D. C. Stroman for the purpose of the Masonic Lodge.

There are approximately one hundred members belonging to the Hebbbronville Lodge, with Ernest Klatt as Worshipful Master.

## CLUBS, OLD AND NEW

"The Sigma Gamma" was a group of young married ladies who gathered every Tuesday to play bridge and several times a year they held dances when they invited their husbands to be their guests!

All the pioneer ladies were members of the Friday Bridge Club. When this group met you just knew everything would be perfect, for these ladies delighted in serving the most delectable dishes in the most beautiful manner. They had a color scheme, and they stuck to it and it was really a "dress-up" affair. They played bridge every week and a luncheon club of almost the same members met each month in the same delightful and elaborate entertaining.

In recent years new clubs have appeared on the local scene. "The Frolickers" is made up of married couples who meet once each month at the Hebbroville Club for an evening of dancing.

The "Hibops" are also a group of dancing people, mostly the young marrieds. They meet once each month at the Colegio Altamirano. The name came for the fact that the word backwards stands for "Society for Prevention of Boredom in Hebbbronville."

Recently the swimming pool has come into its own and a very interested group have joined forces to try to get a pool built in Hebbroville. We wish them luck.

The Silver and Blue Social Club is very active. They meet monthly and several times a year have affairs of extra special caliber, such as the annual Silver and Blue Anniversary Ball.

The object of this organization on a national basis, is to keep and to secure added benefits to veterans and their families. On a local basis, it strives to promote and to cooperate with other local organizations on programs of a civic nature beneficial to the community.

The name "David-Alaniz" was given to the Post in memory of two World War II veterans, Levin David, Jr. and Eduardo Alaniz.

This organization erected a monument on the Courthouse lawn in memory of those native sons who gave their lives fighting for freedoms cause.

So honored were the following heros: Eugenio Benavides, Jr., Carlos Gallardo, Arturo Garcia, Roberto Garza, Herniilo Guzman, A. C. Long, Edmundo Martinez, Onesimo Meza, Rufino Muñoz, Eduardo Alaniz, nad Leuin David. Jr.

Memorial Post No. 357 received its charter on November 24, 1937, with 16 members. They were: J. Russel Smith, T. E. Dickey, F. R. Miller, W. R. Quilliam, H. H. White, L. A. Dickey, S. E. Bingham, Henry Timberlake, L. L. David, C. E. Graham, W. L. Stroman, R. L. Eason, Carroll Drew, Charles M. Butchee, John G. Baylor, and Ira Kinsel.

Meetings were held in the Courthouse until November 11, 1952 when they moved into their own new building. This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

The purpose of the Legion is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States, and all the world; to preserve memories and incidents of the World Wars fought to uphold democracy; to cement ties and comradeship born of service; and consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

Locally the Legion tries to help the community in all ways, and to help service men in their sorrows and their happiness.

A black and white photograph of a long, single-story building with a white facade. The building features a series of small, square windows along its side and a prominent, stepped gable roofline on the right end. There are two large, dark doorways, one on the left and one on the right. The building is situated in a flat, open area with sparse vegetation and a few small trees. The foreground is a mix of dirt and low-lying plants. The sky is overcast.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL



**ORIGINAL "EMBROIDERY CLUB"**

Mrs. Robert Hinnant, Mrs. John C. Draper, Mrs. Henry Edds, Mrs. A. M. Brumfield, Miss Clara Dannelley (Mrs. Roy Yaeger), Miss Leslie Luque, Mrs. A. L. Draper, Mrs. Thos. Stetson, Mrs. Cleve Huddleton, Mrs. E. L. Armstrong, Mrs. Swanson (Alta Vista Ranch), Mrs. B. G. Anderson, which later became the Self Culture Club

## **SELF CULTURE CLUB**

The Self Culture Club began as an embroidery club in 1913 with meetings each Wednesday afternoon. In December, 1919 it was organized into the Self Culture Club and joined the State Federation in April, 1921. Mrs. John Draper was the first president and the Club numbered 25 members.

The first civic work of the club was to improve the 10 acre tract donated by Mr. Viggo Kohler for a city park. Since that time the club has assisted in many civic improvements including the library, school projects and numerous scholarship funds, as well as help with the Cancer Drive and March of Dimes. Mrs. A. P. Wedgworth is the current president of the club.

## **CENIZO GARDEN CLUB**

The Cenizo Garden Club was organized April 27, 1956 with Mrs. G. B. Gebhardt as president. When called upon the club participates in all civic projects. The club has a "Lovely Lady" tea each year to honor senior citizens and presents an annual flower show each spring. By awarding a "Garden of the Month" sign each month to the best yard, the club encourages the improvement and beautification of local yards. Their present proejet is to help in the improvement of the City Plaza under the leadership of Mrs. Otto Remmert, President.



**HONOREE'S AT "LOVELY LADY" TEA**

Pictured above are three of the Cenizo Garden Club's "Lovely Ladies". Reading left to right, Miss Herlinda Treviño, Mrs. J. H. Gonzalez, and Mrs. Carlota Garza.

The tea honored ten ladies who have resided in Hebbronville for approximately 50 years. Besides the three above, they were: Mrs. Asa L. Draper, Mrs. C. W. Hellen, Sr., Mrs. Sandalio Ramirez, Mrs. H. E. Garner, Mrs. A. B. Rogers and Mrs. John Draper.

The tea was held in the Ascencion Martinez home, with all the club as hosts. A pink and white decor was used throughout the arrangements.

## **YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION — 1963**

A state charter has been granted to the Youth Rodeo Association of Hebbronville as a non-profit organization.

Officers of the new group are: Bob Morris, President; Ascencion Martinez, Vice-President; Mrs. Marlin Forbes, Secretary; and Romeo Montalvo, Treasurer. They will serve a one year term.

As we go to press this organization has secured the land for an arena where bronc and steer riding shoots, as well as roping shoots will be erected.

Rest room facilities and a permanent concession stand will be built, and future plans call for the construction of bleachers.

The association will sponsor a rodeo during the 50th anniversary celebration, on Saturday, November 9, to begin at 1 P. M. A barbecue will precede the affair.

Great interest has been shown in the association, and Hebbronville can get ready for Rodeo Days for sure.



Little David Ramos being a special guest at the regular meeting and dinner of the local Lions on the occasion of his return from a 2-weeks stay at the Lions Cripple Children Camp at Kerrville, Texas.

Reading from left to right, front row: Arturo Canales, Otto Remmert, Ernest Leyendecker, David Ramos, and Carlos Gutierrez. Back row, Manuel Bozada, Jr., Ruben Guerra, Arnoldo A. Martinez, and another guest of the club, Mr. Agustin Ramirez.



"MEETING HUT" AT BOY SCOUT PARK

## RED CROSS

Fortunately, Hebbronville has been a lucky little town. No real extensive emergency has demanded the services of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army, but both have active chapters here.

During the Second World War, the Red Cross was most helpful and records indicate that hundreds were helped. In peace time they are not called on too often, but the Home Service Department, under Adan Perez is still assisting servicemen and their families in time of illness, death, emergency, and etc. Quita Mitchell is acting Chapter Chairman, and is officially Secty-Treas.

When Hurricane Carla was on her way, many people left the coastal area for safer territory and the Red Cross found housing for one night for about 70 people and fed

## LIONS CLUB

The Hebbronville Lions Club was organized April, 1942 and received its charter June 10, 1943. The charter members were: J. C. Davis (president), Julian Gomez, Jr., Pedro G. Chapa, N. E. Benavides, Lauro C. Ochoa, Adan M. Gonzalez, J. C. Craighead, D. L. Homero T. Martinez, Manuel Bozada, Jr., Claude C. Harris, Paul Neth, Robert E. Becker, M. G. Forbes, M. M. Muñoz and Russell Garner.

The Lions Club is civic in nature and devotes its energies to the betterment of the community. They have sponsors programs such as "Eye Conservation," street Christmas lighting, helped in drives for Polio, Cancer and Red Cross, and each year send two crippled children to the Lions Camp in Kerrville. Mr. Francis Acebo is current president.



## LITTLE LEAGUE

The Hebbronville Little League was organized in the spring of 1961 and played with four teams in the league. The four teams were sponsored by The First National Bank, Hunter Butane, Lunz Pharmacy and Hebbronville Lions Club.

The second season the four teams had the same sponsors but could not play tournament ball since the league was not yet chartered.

The third season was played by four teams sponsored by Lunz Pharmacy, The First National Bank, American Legion and Hebbronville Lions Club. This year the league played chartered ball and was eligible for tournament play. Fourteen boys were selected from the four teams to compose an All-Star team. This team won area play by defeating Zapata, won the Western Division from two Laredo teams, won District play from Falfurrias; defeated McAllen for Bi-District; and finally lost Regional to Corpus Christi.

Mr. E. A. Moore is president of the Hebbronville Little League and has guided them to a very successful season for their first year in Chartered play.

more than 35 their breakfast at the next morning. The others had decided to leave earlier when danger seemed no longer imminent.

## SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army has been active here for about three years. During its short existence, it has done a world of good, helping all who need help, regardless of color, race, or creed.

Often we feel that these organizations collect money and do nothing, but that is because most of us have been lucky enough to require no charitable assistance from them, and we don't know the good they do. Their records speak for themselves, and Hebbronville is proud to have an active part in both organizations.



1917 — THE SEWELL GIRLS — L. TO R. — OPAL; ALLENE, HELEN, GARLAND (IN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DRESS)

"I REMEMBER . . . . ."

By HELEN SEWELL (MRS. P. B.) HARBISON

On February 16, 1907 my mother, Mrs. I. N. Sewell and we children arrived in Hebbronville. Our father had come earlier to erect our home. We had left Osawatomie, Kansas three days before during a blizzard. We stopped off the Tex-Mex Train into warm sunshine and onto a carpet of wild flowers.

The sleepy town of Hebbronville appeared as an open pasture with a few buildings scattered about. In the foreground was a little, red building bearing the name of a real estate firm, Fowler & Rankin Texas Company. This firm had subdivided the Santa Rita Grant into ten acre tracts. It was located about fifteen miles southeast of Hebbronville. It was then in Starr County; later it belonged to Brooks County and ultimately Jim Hogg County. Advertisement presented this country to the people from the North as a land of mild winters, where artesian wells could be had for the drilling, where citrus orchards and truck farming could be carried on to perfection. To demonstrate this they had a horticulturist by the name of William Sponseller who, with the aid of a few laborers and water from an artesian well, had grown a splendid orchard of orange, grapefruit and lemons, as well as a thriving vineyard of many species of grapes, and several acres of the Bermuda onions. They grew watermelons later in the season.

This firm did well with their salesmanship. Many folks purchased some of these lots. A few families moved here, but finding only an open prairie with no schools, no churches, no doctors, no market, they returned to their homeland after a year's stay. My father, I. N. Sewell with his family remained.

A few years later the Draper Brothers, the late J. C. and A. L. Draper purchased the Santa Rita Ranch and they were our only neighbors for many years.

Where now stands Martinez Sales Co. stood the town's first cotton gin. It was here I went with my father many times to gin our bales of cotton.

The mercantile store of the late Narciso Peña was the first building to the right. On the corner where now stands the furniture store of Joe Garza was a saloon belonging to his father, the late Jose Garza. Adjoining

this was the rooming house of the late Mrs. Lizzie Gonzalez. This was the first house built on Main Street. A Norwegian woman by the name of Mrs. Olsen lived in the next house. Then came a rooming house of the late Mrs. Timberlake. Where the Corner Drug Store now stands another rooming house belonging to a Mrs. Pilar Gutierrez. This was a long structure reaching almost to where the Carl T. Wildenthal Hardware now stands. A few years later the silent picture show of the late Pat Cruz was erected nearby.

Just north of the Jose Angel Saloon a little way up the street was an adobe building which served as the post-office. A little farther on was the mercantile store of the late Sixto Garcia. This was a two-story structure. Behind it was a big lot to accomodate the farmers, a place to feed and water their mules. I recall that it was here, too, that we ate our lunch sitting in the wagon.

The first school was built on the hill where Dr. Martinez' home now stands. The late Santiago Gonzalez hauled stones for it. He was paid 13 cents per stone block, and it took 4 men to load 20 blocks. Mr. Gonzalez also hauled the blocks for the first Catholic Church nearby.

Across the tracks where now stands the Hebbronville Machine Shop stood the first lumber yard, known then as Edds Lumber Yard. It was here where most of the men gathered to whittle and to exchange stories. It was also a harness and saddle shop, a place where horses were shod. Later it also served as headquarters for the Texas Rangers. The homes of Oscar Thompson and Henry Edds were the first homes to be built on this side of the track.

The City Hotel was near the track on the other side. Mrs. H. E. Garner was the manager for many years. In 1915 the Hotel Viggo was erected and Mrs. Timberlake was its first manager. During World War I my parents moved to town and operated the Hotel Viggo for a number of years. At this point the town was separated from the pasture by a barbed wire fence.

My brothers and sisters and I had no school to attend until after the arrival of my sister, Alleene Diemer. She had remained in Kansas to attend Emporia State Normal. She conducted private schools at different ranches; namely the D. D. David Ranch, the Holbein's Las Cuatas Ranch, and the Stroman Solo Ranch. The first public school she taught was at Alta Vista. Then a teacher from San Antonio, a Miss Julia Gray held a school at the McCampbell Ranch, which we children attended. We had to leave Hebbronville for our higher education. My sister, Mrs. L. L. David and I graduated from Alice School in 1917. Mrs. David graduated with the honor of valedictorian. Mrs. Opal Beyer graduated at San Marcos. We all three attended college and returned to teach in Jim Hogg County.

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HEBBRONVILLE TEXAS

By "AN OLD TIMER"

On yesterday's young people among the prominent young ladies who won popularity through their refined culture, talent, and friendliness:

**Rosenda G. Garcia**, amiably called Rosendita, is the daughter of the late S. E. Garcia and his first wife, Rosenda Peña de Garcia. She lost her mother as an infant and was reared by her maternal grandparents Don Dionicio Peña and his wife. Rosendita became a talented pianist and organist. She married the late Fernando Garcia. Their family consisted of two sons and two daughters. Rosendita now resides in Laredo but visits Hebbronville quite often.

**Virginia Stetson**, the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stetson, was one of the most beautiful girls in town and she still holds her charm. She cultured her voice, and held leading parts in all social events. She married the late George Edds, one of the most popular young men in town.

**Lilia, Concha and Carlota Garza**, were popular members of the younger set. Concha is in business with her brother Jose Angel, also a familiar sight in all social functions. Carlota a talented school teacher, received her B S Degree at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio; she married Ernesto Uribe, Jr., from a prominent pioneer family of Laredo. She is now a member of Laredo School faculty.

**Olivia Peña**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Narciso Peña was a young lady of great personality and still is. She delighted many a friend with her talent in playing classic music on the piano. She is a devout Catholic and is loved by young and old. She married the late Mr. A. Tilton and has a son. She now makes her home in their ranch near Benavides. Her sister Maria died sometime ago. Her younger sister Berta is married to Dr. M. B. Guerra.

**Margarita Garcia**, reared by her grandmother Doña Isabelita Gutierrez had the most beautiful long silky tresses. She knew the art of piano and embroidery. She married, and now lives in Laredo.

**Elia and Berta Martinez**, nieces of Don Ascencion Martinez were two popular young attractive ladies. They now live in Mexico.

**Aida Gonzalez**, played the piano beautifully and has the friendliest disposition at all times. She worked at the post office for many years. She married and is now a widow living in San Antonio. Her sisters remain in Hebbronville and are well known, Anita, Leocadia and Emma.

**Laura and Alice Gonzalez**, were pretty and members of the popular group. They are sisters of J. H. Gonzalez. They live in neighboring towns.

**Florence Armstrong**, called "Florita" by many of her intimate friends is a charming and prominent socialite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Armstrong. She married Jim Barfield and they make their home here. They have a son and a daughter, both married.

**Ernestina Cuellar**, "La Morena" married Armando Vasquez and now resides in Laredo. She is very friendly and popular and counts her friends by the hundreds. Two of her sisters Maria and Adelaida live with them.

**Emory Roach**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Roach, a wonderful piano player loved by all who knew her.

**May, Cora and Stella Strcman**, were among the popular belles of the town. Cora is deceased.

**Elvira Peña**, a member of pioneer families is a very talented person, who plays the piano and other instruments.

Equally popular and equally remembered Belles: **Delia V. Cuellar (Vasquez); Josefina Vela (Peña); Helma Cuellar (Montalvo); Velia Vela (Garcia); Faustina Peña; Velia Treviño (Paz); Leocadia Montalvo; Evelyn Briscoe; Dorothy Draper (Holbein); Lorene Holbein (Fatheree); Elvella Dinn (Mann).**



MOTHER & DADDY

I REMEMBER . . . .

By

**HELMA CUELLAR  
DE MONTALVO**

I was all excited with expectation the first time my father brought us here to live in our new home at Hebbronville.

That was the year 1915. My father, the late Eliseo Cuellar, rancher of Zapata County and my mother, Barbarita C. de Cuellar, decided to move to start us, Eliseo and I, in school at the Colegio Altamirano.

In due course we were enrolled at this institution of wide renown. Our instruction at the Colegio came under the direction of such eminent teachers as Maria Rivas, Emilia Davila, and the late Angelita Ramirez. All were graduates of the Normal School for Teachers of Saltillo.

Then came the dreaded exams at the end of the school term. Our efficiency was tested before the Board of Trustees, parents, and friends, who sat silently in front of the class for the duration of the exams.

My father was a member of the Board of Trustees and served in that capacity for a number of years.

Our days at the Colegio were indeed gay and colorful. We still have beautiful memories of those wonderful years. As I look back, the first thing that pops to my mind is the "fiestas" at the end of the school term; days of feverish work and anticipation! Later on, the "dances" at the end of the year — these particular events and many others, furnished the little community with a pageantry and gayety of unequal charm.

When our six year curriculum came to an end at the Colegio, we were duly enrolled at the Public Schools. As usual the Colegio Student was considered above standard, and our years at the Public School were decidedly brief.

Finishing High School Eliseo took Business Administration at Tyler Commercial College and then served for many years as clerk of the First National Bank. Later on he moved to Laredo with his wife Elena and his two boys. At present he runs his own business concern, The Cuellar Lumber Co., Inc. in that city.

In regards to myself, after graduation from High School, I entered T S C W, now Texas Women University, and later I enrolled at the University of Texas. I have never left Hebbronville — I still live here with my husband Raul P. Montalvo, registered pharmacist and owner of The Corner Drug Store, with our two children, and with my mother.

By CLARA DANNELLEY (MRS. ROY) YAEGER

Arriving in Hebbronville to teach school in the one-room building on main Street which also served as a church on Sunday. I was the faculty, the salary was sixty dollars and the enrollment, twenty two. I journeyed to San Diego to attend Teachers Institute before the opening of school.

The year I was selected as a delegate of the Self Culture Club to the Fifth District convention at Georgetown and brought back the prize awarded for the best club project. We had raised and spent \$1,000 on a fence for Kohler Park

You can see a few strands of it yet if you look closely.

The Christmas preparations at El Sordo Ranch when Mrs. E. L. Armstrong baked fifteen cakes, a dozen pies, a fifty pound lard can full of cookies and everyone helped with the Tamales which filled and were cooked in, another fifty pound lard can.

A stalk of bananas hung on the back porch, a crate each of apples and oranges were in the pantry and the boys had located an evergreen Christmas tree.

The year 1930 when we contacted every person in Jim Hogg County for the Federal Census.

One family couldn't tell us the date of their child's birth but remembered that it was the time when the Mesquite beans and "tunas" were ripe so we gave him a June birthday.

The time we rode horseback into town for a weekend and learned that all other families from ranches south of town had been at Hotel Viggo for several days as refugees from Pancho Villa raids!

The panic created at the annual Fiesta on the Plaza when Roscoe Roper dressed as Pancho Villa galloped into the crowd, shooting his pistol into the air. The Plaza was hastily deserted. One man leading two children was running ahead of his wife who had two more, shouting back at her "No tengas miedo, aqui estoy yo."

Roper was arrested by Oscar Thompson the first Sheriff and fined \$17.50.

When Jim Hogg County was first organized there were only about thirty men eligible for jurors. If one served on the Grand Jury at one court session he could expect a summons for the Petit Jury for the next term.

A train whistle frightened a large herd of cattle in the shipping pens and about half of them escaped over the fence on the backs of the others.

The large herds of 3,500 or more cattle composed of several herds owned by different individuals from the lower country some coming from as far as Zapata.

They came into town by the Randado road, went down Main Street to the shipping pens. All the mothers gathered the children into the house for you never knew what minute an escaping steer and his pursuer would come galloping by.

Some of these herds were so large that when the "leads" were entering the shipping pens the "tails" were still about two miles from town.

W. W. Jones didn't like to herd his thousands on the outskirts of the town waiting to come in so he built his own shipping pens at Balderas.

When we bought everything at Sixto Garcia's store and paid our bills once a year in the spring when we sold our cattle.



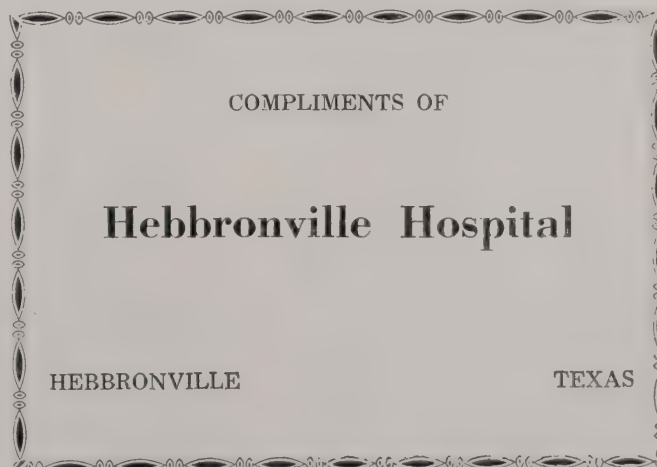
MODE OF TRAVEL — 50 YEARS AGO  
MY SADDLE MARE "CRICKETT".

Motoring to Crestonio to swim and shampoo our hair in the warm soft water from flowing artesian wells. At this time there were about 80 windmills in town and the water was very hard.

Picnicing on the tall wavy sandhills just on the outskirts of the town. Where are they now?

Our first Ford which we had to coax into performance in winter by jacking up a hind wheel and warming up her inside with hot water. Sometimes she responded gratefully.

The "good old days" when my beaux rode into town from the ranch leading a horse for me. We rode along a crooked sandy road for awhile, got a "raspa" at the joint on the corner, and then he led my horse back to the ranch. Great Fun!



# My Childhood Memories

By MRS. HENRIETTA WHITMAN

The Whitman family arrived from the San Marcos Ranch (Starr County) back in early twenties.

There were three ranches I recall living on as a child.

The first one was called the "Quata Ranch." A name given to this place because of my twin brother and I. The old huose is slowly collapsing.

It is situated east of Hebbronville on the left side of the Hi-way going to Realitos.

I remember Mother learning to drive our Model-T-Ford on the dirt road that leads from the house to the gate.

This house was supposed to have been haunted. How clearly I recall hearing Mother tell about the footsteps, chain rattling and coins falling on the floor.

Four or five years later we moved to the "Marranos Ranch". This Ranch is Northeast of the "Las Palmas Dairy".

The "Marranos Ranch" was given it's name because of the many hogs raised there.

Both Ranchs were owned by Mr. Henry Edds. He was a grand person.

We would all look forward to seeing him ride up with his chauffer Pedro Longoria.

I remember hearing him call my father and say, "Bill what would you take for those twins"? He would never forget to give each child on the ranch a nickle. In those days a nickle was like a dollar bill today.

Our nearest neighbor was Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woods and family. Mr. Woods, like my father, worked for Mr. Edds for years.

When the cotton season was at it's peak I recall going cotton picking. Of course I didn't pick much, did more carrying water pails than cotton picking. I was so happy when the wagons were loaded. What a thrill it was watching the wagons travel the sandy roads to Hebbronville.

They would line up at the cotton Gin on Main Street near the Ice Plant.

Cattle shipping time was always an important event also.

The cowboys would round up the cattle, dip them and head them towards the cattle yards. (East of the Ice Plant.)

There was a convenient Cafe' across the street and all the Cowboys would take their coffee breaks over there. This place was run by Mrs. Lupe Garibay.

I recall a colorful old-time cowboy, long gone, named Tom Adams. He was tall, lanky and he wore a red bandana around his neck.

Saturday nights my family and I never missed going to the movies. They were silent movies and "Tarzan" series played each week. Hoot Gibson, Buck Jones and Tom Mix were the popular Westerns. The old movie house "The Casino", located North of the Francisco Gutierrez residence. It was run by Mr. Cruz.

We knew it was almost time for the Movies to start when we heard the clanging sound. Mr. Cruz would hit the iron pole (that supports the roof) with an iron pipe and we could hear the sound way out to the ranch (believe it or not).

Our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Gus Vollmering always sat in back of us at the movies.

The old movie house was also used for Graduation excercises.

There was only first through eighth grade then, as I recall.

One of my sisters graduated with the eighth grade and I remember going to the exercises. The graduating class consisted of eight students.

Many familiar faces long gone I recall. "Old Nicho" running along the road with a bucket in his hand selling tortillas, you would most certainly encounter.

The old man selling Menudo on Sunday morning. He lived in Boston Park.

His familiar call, "Menudo de Rez" always brought people out before six A. M.

I recall the time when it rained for days and the "Arroyo" rose. The bridge east of Hebbronville near the "Las Palmas Dairy" collopsed. How excited we were as my family and I walked from the "Marranos Ranch" to go see the damage. People from Hebbronville had come to see also. We

would yell and wave and they would do likewise.

The hail storms were something that could only happen in Texas. I recall standing on our porch and watching the hail come down. They were the size of golf balls. I would run out and pick one up, get hit on the head. I didn't try for a second one.

After the storm was over the tarantulas and little red ant like insects (the.r backs felt like velvet) would appear.

Saturday morning my sister would drive into town to pick up my father's check.

Mr. Henry Edds owned a lumber yard south of the cotton gin across the railroad tracks. He had his office in this building

A machine shop now stands where the old Lumber Yard used to be.

The Post Office used to be where the Gustavo Vasquez residence is today.

I recall looking across the street at the jail (Peña Property).

This building frightened me as I always looked to see if there were any prisoners behind bars.

Narciso Peña used to have a dry goods store near the jail.

Many times I went in there with my parents to buy material and other articles.

Dr. Connalley and Dr. Stetson were the first doctors, I recall. They had their offices in a building where the "Palito Blanco" now stands. (Peña Property.)

Dr. Connalley on several occasions was also our dentist.

Going down Main Street several stores bring back pleasant memories.

José Angel Garza's store was one I always looked forward to entering. For a dime I would buy a peanut. This peanut was always two inches long. An elastic band held it together. When it was opened a celluloid doll was cradled inside.

Francisco Gutierrez store combination Drug, Fountain, Dry Goods and Grocery was very popular.

I remember two young gents who clerked there. Aris Barrera and "Cinco" Gutierrez.

## MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES . . . . .

(Continued from previous page)

It was such a big deal to buy a "square" ice cream cone for a nickle. While my parents shopped I waited patiently for the "pilon" which was a bag of candy, usually peppermint sticks.

When time rolled around for the cars to be inspected my father would go either to Timberlake's Garage (I believe the Chevy place is there now) and D. D. David's Garage (Manhattan Cafe' is located there now).

We never missed stoping by Gus Mingus' Bakery. (Wildenthal's Hardware occupies the building today).

Gomez' Barber Shop was next to the Bakery and I remember my Sister taking me there to have my hair cut.

The showcase at Thompson's Hardware (a furniture place is there now I believe) always fascinated me. They used to have a two-headed calf mounted hanging on the wall near the window. This amazed me and I would stand and look at this all the time my father shopped.

My father would often stop in at a Cafe' (in the block where the Chapman Bakery used to be.) How I'd en-

joy buying the candy bars they sold there. "Chicken Dinners" they were called.

Another Cafe' owned by David's I believe, used to be where the Humble Station is today. I can still hear the music from an old phonograph. The popular yodeling songs of Jimmy Rogers.

The first Sheriff I recall was Mr. P. Harbison. Years later I remember Alonzo Taylor and Deputy Lupe Muñoz.

There was one big fire I recall. Mr. Acklen's home burned to the ground, and he escaped through his bedroom window, clad only in his night clothes. (Julian Gómez residence is located there today).

Summer nights you could hear the music from the plaza. Everyone looked forward to this time of the year. The crops were in, cattle were sold and people had money to spend. I remember eating hot tamales, hamburgers and "raspa." The plaza was always held where the park is today, in front of the A. A. Martinez home.

The old dance hall in Boston Park, torn down long ago. I remember going there with my family. What a thrill it was to hear the violin, guitar and accrdion music.

My parents belonged to the Baptist Church and I recall going to picnics' out to the "Estéban Ranch" South of Hebbronville.

We also used to have Easter-Egg hunts out to the "Sand Dunes" south of Hebbronville.

Mrs. Frank McGee was my first grade teacher and I recall Superintendent Frank McGee helping carry me, out when I fainted after my first shot.

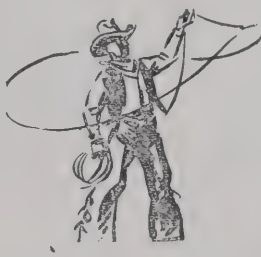
After Mr. Henry Edds passed away my family and I moved to the "Torete Ranch" owned by Joseph Gruy.

This Ranch is North-West of Hebbronville.

My twin brother and I rode horse back to school and when the horse was needed on the ranch we use to walk to school.

I remember how proud we were when we learned to drive our Model A Ford. It was tough learning to drive on the sandy road from the ranch up to the Lloyd David's residence, from there on it was smooth going as the road was "Caliche" paved.

These memories I shall always cherish of my childhood days in dear ole Hebbronville.



## FIRE SIREN

Did you ever stop to think how often we use the fire siren? During the war when curfew was being observed, it blew at 10:00 p. m. to tell all that "the" hour had arrived. It

is the signal to open your doors for the start of the days business at 8:00 a. m. and at 6:30 p. m. it sounds again when all business men lock up for the night.

When the community is having a

polio drive, cancer crusade, boy or girl scout affair, etc. the siren is blown. So, next time you hear that familiar sound, stop — it may not mean there is a fire. It is truly the community signal for many things.

## MANY PEOPLE . . . . .

Many people have done much to make Hebbronville what it is today.

Among the names that stand out in memory are the Bensons, who planted the first tomatoes here, they had the first and only public swimming pool in town, not to mention their Boston Store. And who can for-

get Judge Houston on his daily jaunt to the post office? Mrs. Houston was our first piano teacher and many happy hours passed as we listened to her play. The Dales are just synonymous with newspaper and it is a pleasure to see Mrs. Dale as we do on rare occasions. And the Briscoes were so popular. No better woman

ever lived than Effie. She was truly a "Friend in Need." Often after her stint at the post office was done she spent the better part of a night with a sick friend or acquaintance.

. . . . Of course there were many who were just as good and I wish we could name them all. Believe me, you all deserve it. . . . .

During the second week of December, 1913, at noon, we arrived in Hebbronville. A large part of the town's people were at the depot to meet the passenger train that brought us from Laredo, and, the passenger train from Corpus Christi, as the meeting of these trains here was the big event of the day. Mr. Rogers, who was an architect and contractor had come South looking for a place where he could get work and also get his breath. Asthma had troubled him in Nebraska. Hebbronville proved to be the ideal place. Narciso Peña sent for him to come down to his lumber yard, and Sixto Garcia as interpreter, a carload of lumber suitable for house building was ordered. When the lumber arrived house-building began in earnest, and also a close, life-long friendship between Mr. Rogers and Sixto Garcia.

Bruce, 14, immediately became interested in his father's work. Sam, 7, started to school; Alice, 5, shed a few tears, as she had enjoyed her kindergarten work in Nebraska and she would be obliged to wait until she was seven years old in Texas. Grace, 4, and Ben, 2, with Alice as companion, took special delight in shedding their shoes and stockings to wiggle their toes in the sand. This was much better than the snow they had left !

We lived where Aris's Drug Store is now, and as Hebbronville was then listed as the largest original cattle shipping point in the United States (and a large per cent of them were driven by our door) the sand was stirred plenty.

Pancho Villa's escapades were often the subject of conversation, but, as the house next door housed among others, Pat Craighead and another Texas Ranger I felt secure.

The people were very friendly. I soon decided and still believe that Jim Hogg County, then very young, is a wonderful place to live.

On February 13, 1915, Alvin was born. He is our only native Texan. Grandchildren soon began to arrive, many of them native Texans: Charles, Henry, Harriet, Nellie and William (Bill) Frye; Jack Rogers, Marjorie Alice, and James Hollis; Rogers and David Doughty; and last but not least, Bill Rogers. All attended school here.

For that reason I have followed the school very closely — from the little frame building on the corner north of the Lunz Pharmacy. Here at one time, a canvass was stretched across the room, and Irene Worsham taught the older ones in one end; and Ollie Dannelley (now Mrs. Louis Porcher) taught the younger ones on the other side of the canvass partition. I have continued to follow the progress of the schools to the beautiful High School of 1963.

When the New York Store was built, Mr. Rogers rented an office and started an Insurance business. When he developed double cataracts, I became his assistant and upon his death in June, 1946 became the agent; and I have continued the business to the present day, through the courtesy of my good patrons.

Mingled with the many joys of life, during these nearly fifty years, have come disasters, and griefs. Everytime there have been many who gave assistance and comfort.

"Can women carry on for the men?" asks a North Texas news paper man. In Hebbronville they can and no better illustration can be noted than in the instance of the Misses Cruz, daughters of the late Patricio Cruz, whose untimely death not a very great while ago left them orphans, the mother having died sometime previously. Their only brother a manly young man, died before the father did and the death of this only son was a sad blow to the father and he never entirely recovered from the shock caused by the loss of his boy. There are six of these Cruz sisters — Misses Angelita, Josefina, Isabel, Hortensia, Ada and Adela, all splendid young women, well educated, and honored and respected by all who know them. At the time of the death of the father, he was manager of the Casino Theater, one of the leading motion picture houses of South Texas, and had also in course of years built up a good business as Hebbronville representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Miss Angelita, the eldest of the sisters, had assisted her father in his two-fold duties, and she had no difficulty in carrying on her father's work when he passed into the Great Beyond. Of course she is assisted by her sisters but as the head of the family and the manager of both businesses, she gives the orders and her wishes are implicitly obeyed. Some of the sisters have a business training, having attended commercial colleges, and these may occasionally be seen in the bookkeeping department of Hebbronville stores "helping out" by straightening out the books. They have a comfortable home and each knows the art of housekeeping. These young ladies are a great credit to Hebbronville and have thoroughly demonstrated the fact that "women can carry on for the men."

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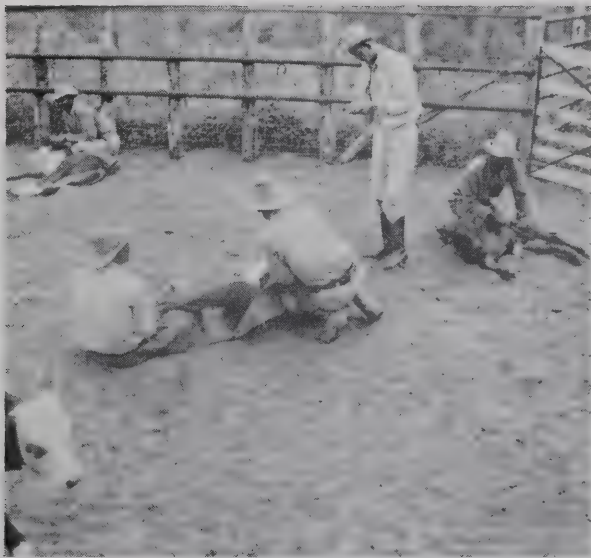
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### THINGS HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED!

Things have certainly changed. You hardly ever see a cow in a "beer joint", but I'll never forget the time they were driving a herd down the main street of town and one inquisitive old longhorn stuck his head in the door of the saloon! He couldn't get his head out, his horns were so long, and no one inside wanted to help him. In fact there was no one inside for very long. The "critter" was in the only door, so the gents came clamoring out the windows. When a cowboy got there he quickly turned the animal's head and backed him out, but business had been disrupted momentarily!

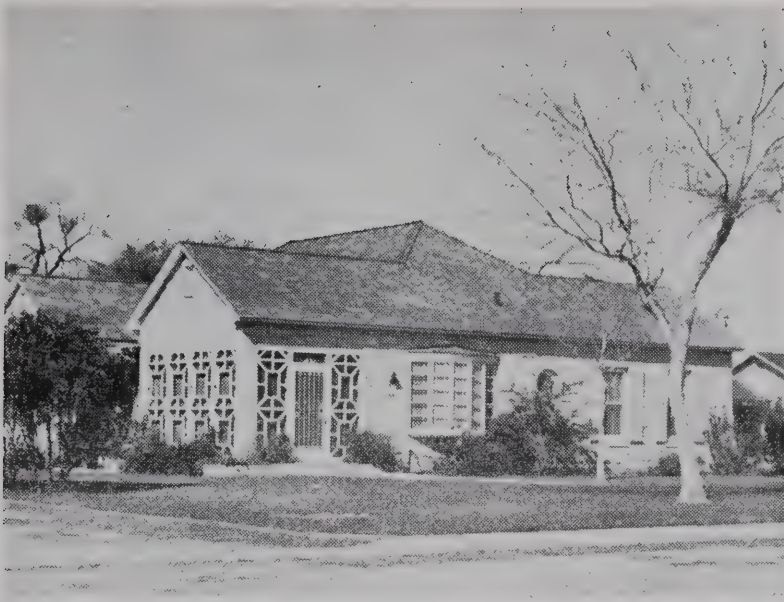
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THE ROY YAEGER HOME

**MANY BEAUTIFUL, AND HOSPITABLE, HOMES ARE IN HEBBRONVILLE.**

SCENE OF MANY FAMILY GATHERINGS AS WELL AS SELF CULTURE CLUB MEETS, W. S. C. S. MEETS, AND OTHER CIVIC ACTIVITIES — MRS. YAEGER IS ACTIVE IN ALL THESE AFFAIRS AND MR. YAEGER MAINTAINS HIS BUSINESS OFFICE IN A SMALL BUILDING THE OTHER SIDE OF DRIVEWAY, SEEN LEFT.



THE R. B. ACEBO HOME

MR. ACEBO IS LOCAL MGR. OF THE TEXAS-MEXICAN R. R. CO. AND ACTIVE IN MANY CIVIC AND CHURCH PROGRAMS. HE IS THE RANCHER'S FRIEND AND THE MELON GROWERS NEED — A SON IS ON THE HEBBRONVILLE SCHOOL FACULTY — A DAUGHTER HAS BEEN A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF PERSONNEL AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS — MRS. ACEBO IS A HOMEMAKER.



THE A. L. PEAY HOME

THE RETREAT FROM THE "SALT MINES" OF BEING SUPERINTENDENT OF A LARGE SCHOOL SYSTEM — BUT, AUSTIN PEAY REMAINS NO FURTHER FROM HIS DUTIES, AFTER HOURS, THAN HIS TELEPHONE. ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HEBBRONVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT — HE HAS QUITE A JOB — THIS IS HIS THIRD YEAR IN THE POST.

MRS. PEAY, A CONSCIENTIOUS WIFE, MOTHER AND GRAND MOTHER, STILL FINDS TIME TO BE ACTIVE IN CHURCH AND CIVIC NEEDS.



MRS. B. C. DE CUELLAR'S HOME

MRS. CUELLAR AND THE LATE MR. CUELLAR HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MOST ACTIVE IN CIVIC, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

A SON IS NOW A LAREDO LUMBER YARD OWNER.

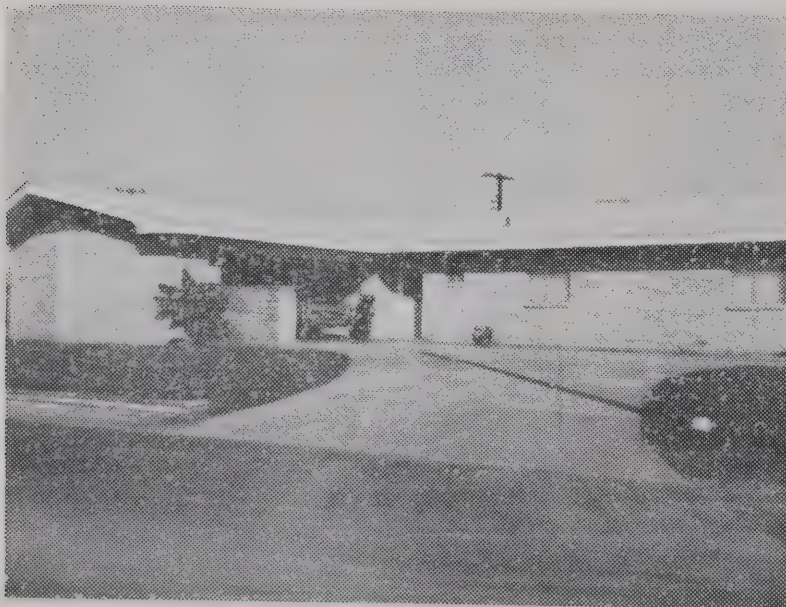
A DAUGHTER STILL LIVES IN OUR CITY AND IS FOLLOWING IN HER MOTHER'S FOOTSTEPS IN HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.



THE GEORGE SAUNDERS HOME

GEORGE SAUNDERS, ONLY CHILD OF THE PIONEER FAMILY OF LUM SAUNDERS IS A RANCHER — AND A GOOD PROMOTER — A SOURCE OF DRY WIT OF THE OLD STYLE — HIS TWO DAUGHTERS JOIN HIM IN HIS LOVE OF FOLLOWING RODEOS.

MRS. SAUNDERS IS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN WHAT HER FAMILY IS INTERESTED IN, AND IS THEIR MOST LOYAL FAN.



THE JACK SWAIN HOME

NEWLY BUILT, JACK SWAIN HOME IS A TESTAMENT OF THE AMBITION AND PERSISTENCE OF ITS OWNER — SINCE HIS MARRIAGE HE HAS BOUGHT AND LIVED IN SEVERAL, — BUT WASN'T SATISFIED UNTIL "HE BUILT THE HOUSE JACK BUILT" — HIS CHARMING WIFE, SON, AND DAUGHTERS, ARE AS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AS IS JACK, HIMSELF.



**H. T. MARTINEZ HOME**



**JULIAN GOMEZ, JR. HOME**



**STOCKMAN MOTEL**

Dr. H. T. Martinez, D. V. M., is also Jim Hogg County Judge, Mrs. Martinez is an education major and teacher in Elementary. Dr. Martinez and his wife have many interests - community - civic - church - their ranching - and the joy of having and being part of a large family.



Julian Gomez, Jr., son of an oldtime business man of Alice, Jim Wells County, has been "our" citizen for almost 30 years.

He is a merchant and a rancher - and a promoter of progress in any category. His wife, Maria Lola Garcia is a local girl, born and reared and has equally been active in all church and civic activities — and especially those which have concerned her children as a true mother would - yet all the while being a career woman in business.



Commercial? -- Yes! — But one home that has become "Your Home Away From Home" — in very few years - this is perhaps due to the wonderful hospitality of its managers, Marian and Chester Huff (and personnel) - you really are their guest - as well as a paying traveller for lodging, - their courtesies know no bounds when it comes to making their guests happy!

## Little League All-Star Team - 1963



**LEFT TO RIGHT BACK ROW:** ROY CANTU, JUAN PEREZ, HECTOR RAMIREZ, MARCELO HINOJOSA, JR., PERRY VAUGHN, RODOLFO GUTIERREZ, JOE GONZALEZ, MGR.

**FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:** PRIMITIVO GONZALEZ, JR., RUMALDO VASQUEZ, PABLO MUNOZ, JR., FELIX GUTIERREZ, HENRY YZAGUIRRE, JR., MARJO GUERRERO, JUAN ALVARO SOLIZ, BENNY MORALES, BENAVIDES, BAT BOY.

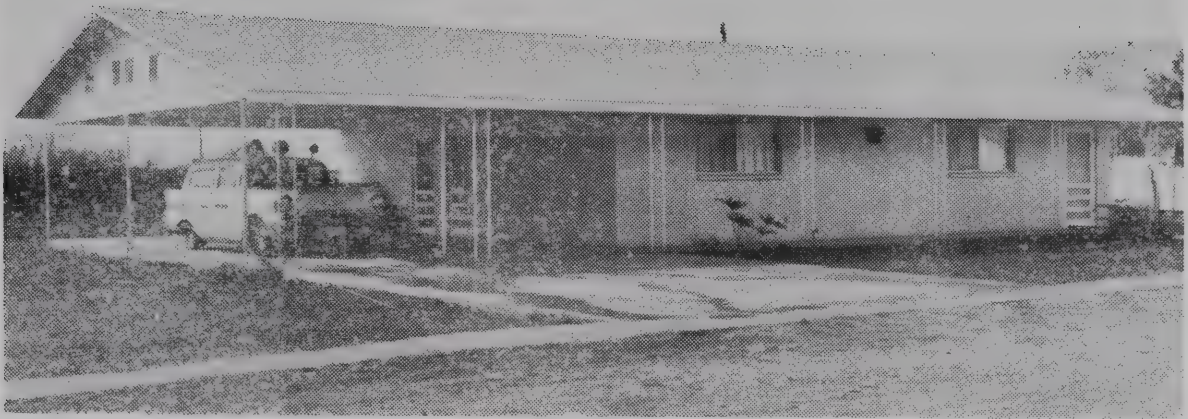
## Easter Sunrise Breakfast - 1946



**METHODIST MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, REV. LEON BROWN, PASTOR**

YOU WILL FIND: BOB HUNTER, JAMES BARFIELD, DUDLEY BRADY, MONROE CORKILL, G. W. BROWN, A. T. RICHARDSON, CHAS. FORBES, LLOYD DAVID, RAY HOLBEIN, CHARLES HELLEN, JR., L. I. DAVID, MILTON CHITWOOD, JIMMY TILLER, BUDDY FORBES,

ROY YAEGER, CHESTER HUFF, P. W. MINTER, BOB BECKER, JACK FULBRIGHT, TRAVIS S. RICHARDSON, MURRY MATTOX, RAY SEATON, OTTO MIDDLEBROOK, ALLEN RICHARDSON, EARL WALKER, IRA COLLINS, CARL RATHBORNE, MR. WHITE, EDDIE DAVID, AND OTHERS.



THE HOWARD-WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME



HON. E. JAMES KAZEN  
DISTRICT JUDGE



NEW BUSINESS IN HEBBRONVILLE



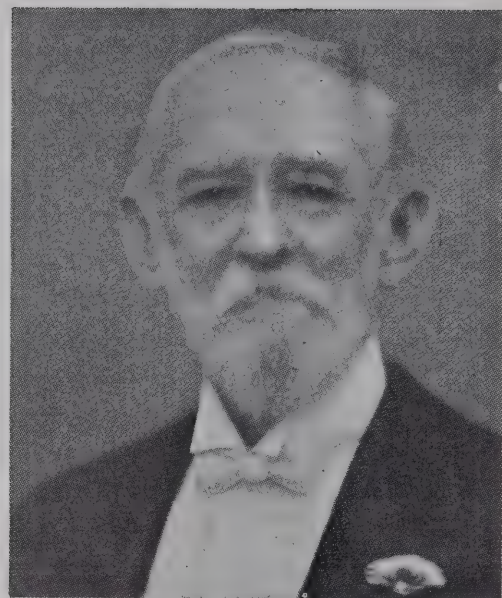
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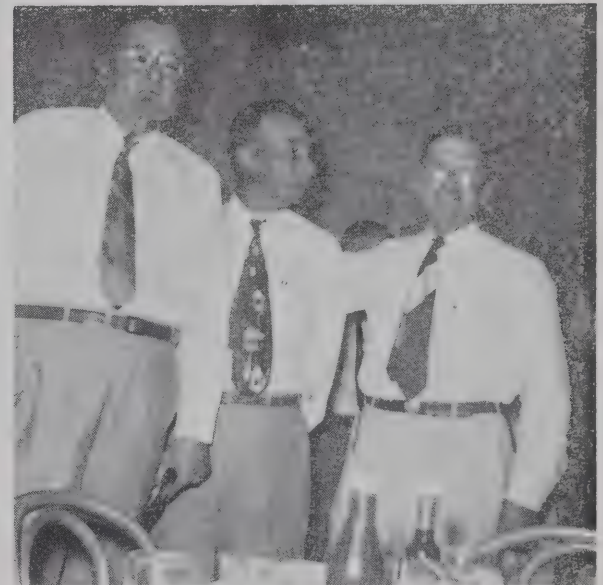
HEBBRONVILLE'S BUSIEST BUSINESS EACH WEDNESDAY



OTTO MIDDLEBROOK



A FAMILIAR SCENE FROM LATE MAY THRU JUNE



2ND ANNUAL LION'S CLUB BANQUET



"CROP" DUSTING: CROPS OF BRUSH AND PEAR!



THE LATE C. C. FORBES, SR.



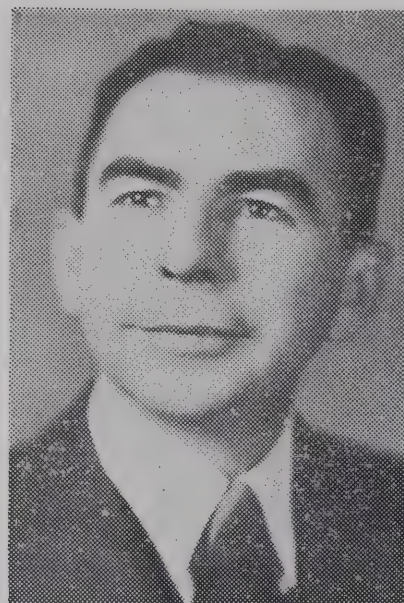
FIRST IRRIGATION WELL'S PUMP UNIT (J. COLE)



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CO. COM. PRECINCT NO. 2  
1950 TO 1954



STREET SCENE ABOUT 1937



BLAS M. SALINAS

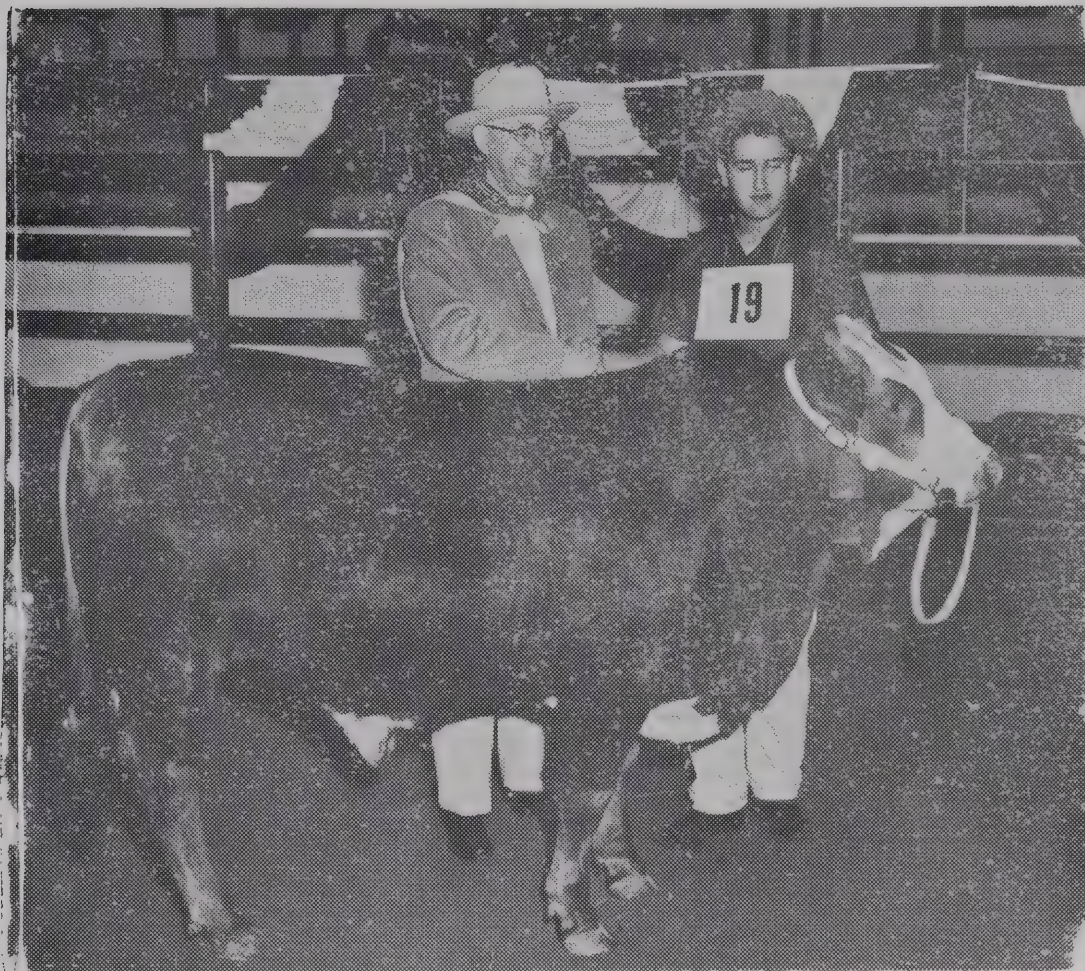


R. R. HOLBEIN HOME (REAR VIEW) — ABOUT 1945



CHAS. CRAIGHEAD, AND WIFE, AND ALMA

## San Antonio Livestock Show Winners

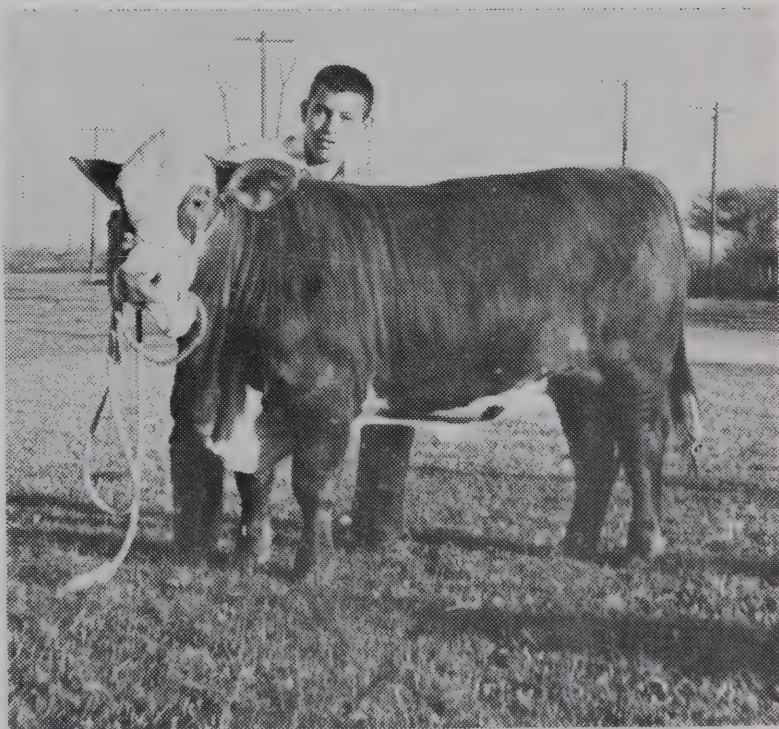


ARNOLDO MARTINEZ AND HIS STEER "FABIAN"

Arnoldo Martinez, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Martinez, won 2nd place with his Brahama steer at the San Antonio Livestock Show. The steer placing over Arnoldo's "Fabian" went on to become Grand Champion of the show.

Edmundo Martinez son of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Martinez won 4th place in the crossbred steer division at the show.

Both animals were fed under the supervision of Robert Morris, director of the Vocational Agriculture Department of Hebbronville High School.



EDMUNDO MARTINEZ AND HIS STEER

## Charles Schroeder – Range – Brush Control, Mesquite



BUFFEL, BLUE PANIC, AND HUBAM CLOVER "GRASS" IS JIM HOGG COUNTY'S MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY

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### Lauro Lopez – Management – Pastures



BUFFEL GRASS AT LA ENCANTADA RANCH



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STOCK ON THE RANCHO NUEVO



"DON AZUL" — 6 YR. OLD BEEFMASTER HERD BULL —  
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OLDTIME — (25 YEARS AGO) CHUCK WAGON  
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Oil has brought us more prosperity than any other thing and the entire town is aware of it.

With this in mind, we would like to express our thanks to every oil company, every rig, every crew, be it large or small, of long duration here or just a few days, for all that you have meant to the development of Jim Hogg County.

I wish we could name all of them, but we may accidentally leave one out and rather than miss one we'll just say — "If you are in any way connected with the oil industry we mean you — Thanks a million from all of us. "Let's hope the black gold continues to flow."

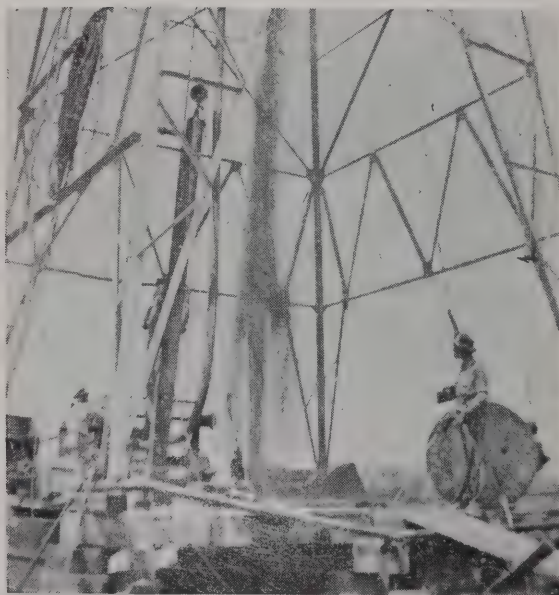
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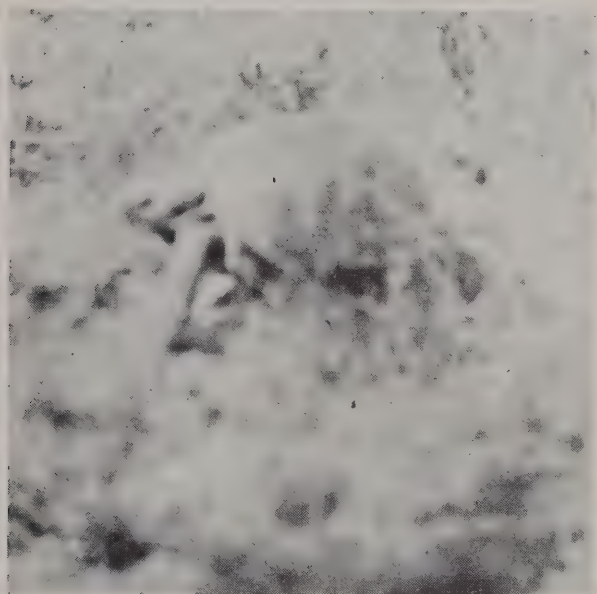
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JAVELNA



DEER.



BOB CAT



CLASSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL IN RED BRICK BUILDING (ON YAEGER STROMAN BLOCK) ABOUT 1921.



R. R. HOLBEIN — LAS CUATAS RANCH HOUSE — AS SEEN FROM NORTHEAST ANGLE -- ABOUT 1920.



ARMSTRONG BARBECUE — SEE ALL YOU KNOW — (TAKEN TOP — 7 LEFT TO AS FAR RIGHT AS POSSIBLE — BOTTOM 7 TAKEN RIGHT TO AS FAR LEFT AS POSSIBLE; — TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE (OVERLAPPING) GROUP BY REGULAR CAMERA.



**COUNTY OF  
JIM HOGG**  
**Hebbronville, Texas**  
**County Seat**

**DR. H. T. MARTINEZ**  
County Judge and Ex Officio  
Superintendent Public Schools

**RAQUEL VELA - VASQUEZ**  
District and County Clerk

**F. A. CERDA**  
County Attorney

**C. I. TREVINO**  
Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector

**JOSE GONZALEZ**  
County Treasurer

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Precinct No. 4

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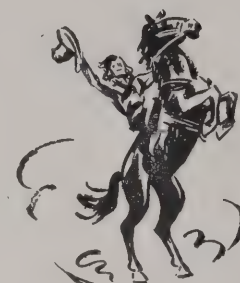
**SAN JUANITA VILLARREAL**  
Precinct No. 4

**JIM HOGG COUNTY**  
**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**  
**Program of Events**

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(NOTE: WESTERN ATTIRE ADVOCATED FOR WEEK  
OF NOVEMBER 4-10TH)

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**Tuesday, November 5**

7:30 p. m. Game Night, School Cafeteria, Sponsored By  
Cenizo Garden Club.

**Thursday, November 7**

4 to 7:00 p. m. Open House, Hebbronville Public Schools  
8 p. m. "B" Team Football Game with Freer

**Friday, November 8**

3 p. m. Downtown Football Parade and Pep Rally  
8 p. m. Home-Coming Football Game with Premont  
w/Half-time activities: Home-Coming Queen, and  
introduction of Honor Guests  
11 p. m. Home-Coming Dance, High School Rotunda  
(All-day ex-student registration and Open House at the  
High School; refreshments by Homemaking Dept.)

**Saturday, November 9**

8 to 10 a. m. Open House, Hebbronville Auction and  
Commission Company  
10:30 a. m. Anniversary Street Parade Sponsored by  
Chamber of Commerce

# Program of Events



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**(CONTINUED)**

Welcome, and introduction of Honor Guests at City Plaza  
at Parade's end . . . . .

12: noon Barbecue at Rodeo Grounds

1:30 p. m. All-around Rodeo, Youth Rodeo Arena

Both above: sponsored by Youth Rodeo Association

9 p. m. Western Dance, American Legion Hall, Music by  
Leonard Brown and his Frontiersmen, Sponsored by  
Chamber of Commerce

## **Sunday, November 10**

9 a. m. to Noon Open House, Jim Hogg County Court  
House, w/registration of all guests

Attend the church of your choice

12 Noon Ol' Time Barbecue, at Dusty Downs

Sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church

1:30 p. m. Horse Races, Dusty Downs, w/Drinks Concession

Sponsored by V. F. W., Post No. 2011

## **Thursday, Friday & Saturday**

**November 7, 8 and 9**

Art and Antiques Show, Sponsored by Self Culture Club

## **November 4-10 (All Week)**

Kiddie Rides, City Plaza, Sponsored by Chamber of  
Commerce

Commemorative Picture Plates and Anniversary Historical  
Books Sponsored by Hebbronville Chamber of Commerce.

**Congratulations to**

**Jim Hogg County**

**on their**

**50th Anniversary**

**Serving**

**Jim Hogg County**

**and this trade**

**territory for**

**Over**

**50 years**

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**Hebbronville, Texas**

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**GUESS WHO?**



### **SALUTE!**

★ from Quita Mitchell, executive Vice-president and general manager, Hebbronville, Chamber of Commerce.

★ From your chamber, officially, and from me, personally, go sincerest thanks.

★ To each and everyone who has served on a Committee, whether "helper" or chairman — or in any capacity that kept the wheels of this celebration "machine" in GO position! . . . without YOU it could not have been done! It is proof positive: Hebbronville can do it!

Thanks!

### **THANKS!**

Salute: to Otto Remmert, for another job "well done". Conscripted to fill a third (part) term as president of the Hebbronville Chamber of Commerce, all of this celebration, as well as the 6th annual Watermelon Festival in June, fell on "Otto's" shoulders . . . But he still found time to head the Boy Scout Fund Drive, take care of Central Power and Light in the usual good manner, and keep his usual good humor!

Thanks, Otto Remmert!

### **UN-SUNG HEROES!**

Some of the un-sung "heros" of this Celebration are: Darlene (Mrs. Bill) Felton, who is chairman for the Self Culture Club of the Art and Antique Show.

Clara (Mrs. Roy) Yaeger and Mina (Mrs. Chas.) Schroeder, who are chairmen of our Host Committee for the Honor guests.

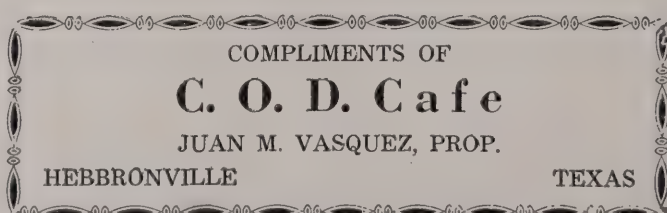
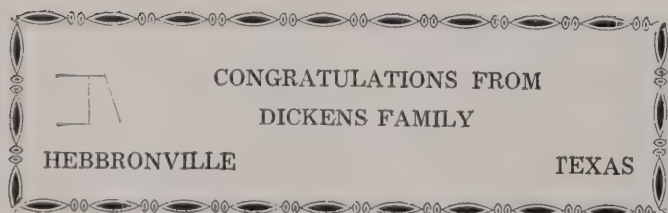
Austin Peay and Claude Jungman, and other school personnel, for their cooperation in general, and numerous things in particular, to help this Celebration.

George Saunders, construction supervisor of the new rodeo Arena of the Youth Rodeo Association, for getting everything ready in time.

Judge H. T. Martinez, and District and County Clerk, Raquel Vela-Vasquez, handling the county's participation, and activities.

Maggie (Mrs. Archie) Cochran, maker of the many beautiful Ranch pennants.

Hebbronville Citizenry, for their enthusiasm and participation!





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PIGGLY WIGGLY

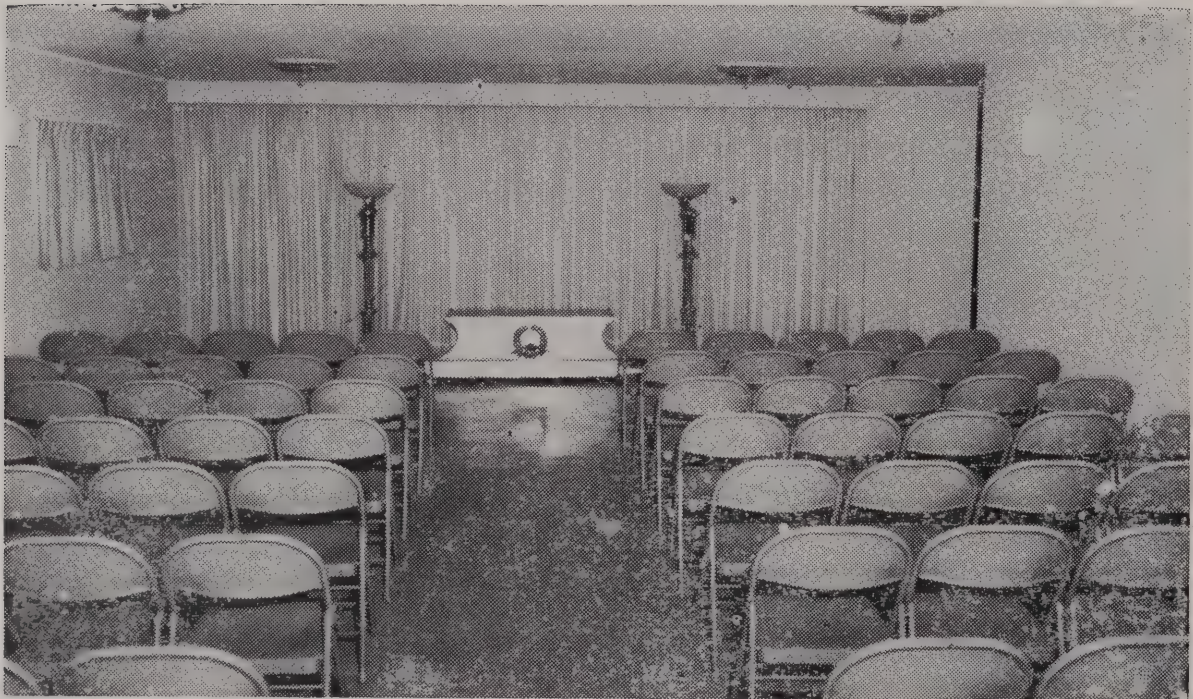


AMOS DINN

UNA DE LAS PRIMERAS CLASES DEL CORTADO DE LA PROV. DE JALISCO



(AS STATED)



CHAPEL OF HOWARD-WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME

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IF YOU ARE A CITIZEN FOR YOUR CITY'S PROGRESS — THEN YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE  
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CAPTAIN WRIGHT AND HIS COMPANY OF TEXAS RANGERS



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HAS WITHSTOOD SEVERAL SEVERE DROUGHTS — TWO WORLD WARS — AND THE 1929 "CRASH" — BLAS SALINAS IS THE MANAGER OF THE PROGRES-  
SIVE, CONTINUALLY "UP-TO-DATE" BUSINESS.



PUBLIC SCHOOL — 2ND GRADE — 1934—'35



4 GRADUATES OF 1934 — DAVID, HINNANT, BALDESCHWILER AND SHAFER — (THELMA, ARMOUR LEE, LUCILLE, AND IVA BELLE).



SUPT. L. A. MOSER, — (TENNIS COACH AND TRACK COACH, PROFESSOR OF MATH AND CHEMISTRY — A FAVORITE OF ALL HIS STUDENTS).

## Hebbronville Longhorns — 1932



## Hebbronville Longhorns — 1936



DID YOU KNOW HEBBRONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM UNTIL ABOUT 1926 WAS "BULLDOGS" ?



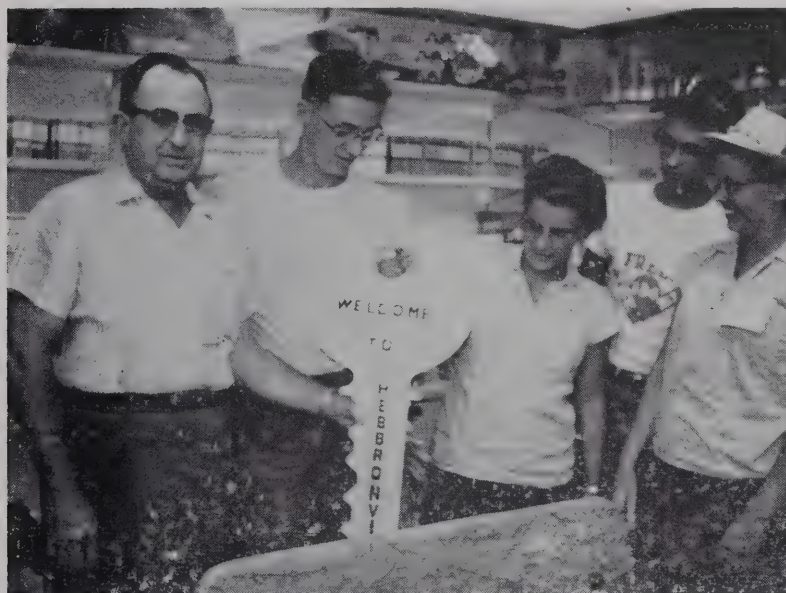
1912 — STUDENTS OF COLEGIO ALTAMIRANO



1932 — FIRST GRADE, HEBBRONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



TAKEN AT THE OLD RED BRICK SCHOOL (BUILD NG NO. 3) THAT WAS SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF POST OFFICE BLOCK.



#### FREEER VISITORS

This young group of young people recently came to visit Hebbroville from Freer: Nothing unusual there, except they came all the way on their bicycles! They were greeted royally. The Chamber of Commerce gave them the key to the city, and a ribbon heralding our 50th anniversary. Lunz Pharmacy gave them sodas; they had a swim at the Stockman Motel; toured our Livestock and Auction Company, where they were served dinner in the Corral Cafe; and all in all a good time was had by everyone concerned.

They came at the special invitation of E. J. Lunz, chairman of the Chamber's Tourist Committee. Mr. Huff of the Stockman Motel is chairman of the Highway Committee.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . . . ?

The late A. L. Draper was an outstanding rodeo performer in his young days and delighted many an audience in Argentina. Some say he was second only to Will Rogers as a trick rope artist.



The first wire fence put up in our vicinity was at El Sordo Ranch. This old ranch was once a way station on the stage line to Rio Grande City. Earnest Armstrong, present owner, is a descendant of W. A. Waugh, and early owner, who with his nephews, had the first Anglo-American owned ranch in this area.

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*The New York Store*

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SINCE 1909

THE BEST IN READY-TO-WEAR  
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HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS



AT OLD WOODEN SCHOOL HOUSE (WHERE PIGGLY IS NOW)



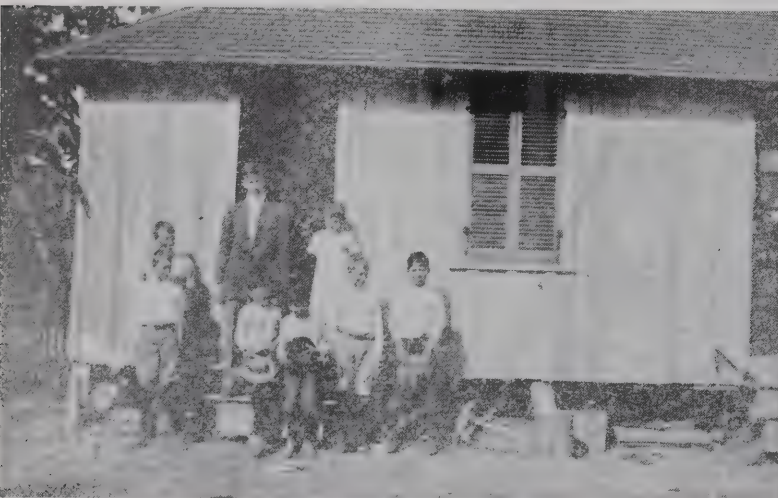
AT ANNA KELSEY RANCH



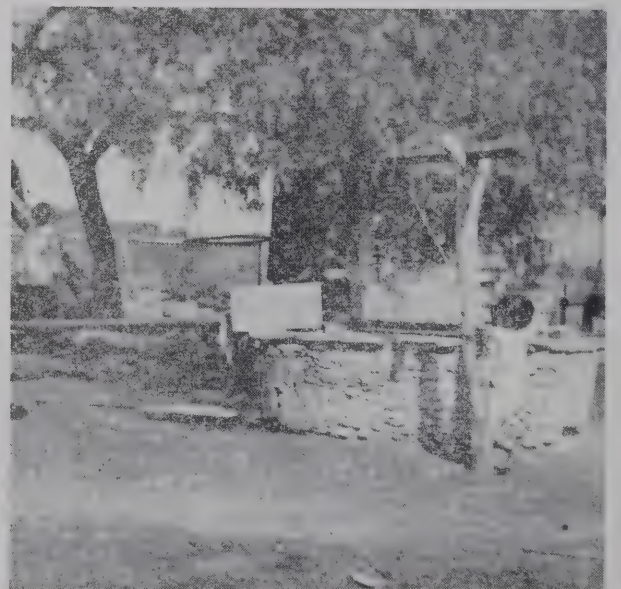
SUNDAY AFTERNOON RIDE



D. C. STROMAN HOME



LAS CUATAS RANCH SCHOOL



A TYPICAL OLD DUG WELL — BUT THE BUCKETT WAS PROBABLY CEDAR.



ONE OF THE EARLIEST — "CAMINO REAL" — A REAL IMPROVEMENT OVER "TWO RUTS" IN THE PRAIRIE.

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Doctor Stetson had been a good friend of Charles W. Hellen in the Nation's Capital and Mr. Heilen really enticed the Doctor to come here. Coming from a great city the doctor had seen few "burros" and had never heard one "bray". He never forgot the night he first heard that sound. He said he thought a wild animal had come roaring into town and not until he imitated the sound next morning for Francisco Gutierrez, Sr. did he learn it was only a little stray donkey.

Doctor Stetson was Rail Road Surgeon for the Texas Mexican Rail Road for many years. Like so many country doctors, he performed his duties on the spot where the accident occurred. When Carlos Meza was injured in a crew accident they put him and Doctor Stetson on a "section car", held an umbrella over them and chugged in to the hospital in Laredo where Carlos' injured leg was removed.

Our first drug store was opened by Doctor Stetson through necessity. He had to have the supplies to treat his patients. During the flu epidemic, the doctor treated his patients all day and half of the night as well, and wore out many a driver. He also filled his tiny little capsules with the needed ingredients after he got home, a pains taking chore, he gladly did. This was a trying time for Doctor Stetson, He was the only physician east of Laredo, west of San Diego, north of Rio Grande City and south of San Antonio.



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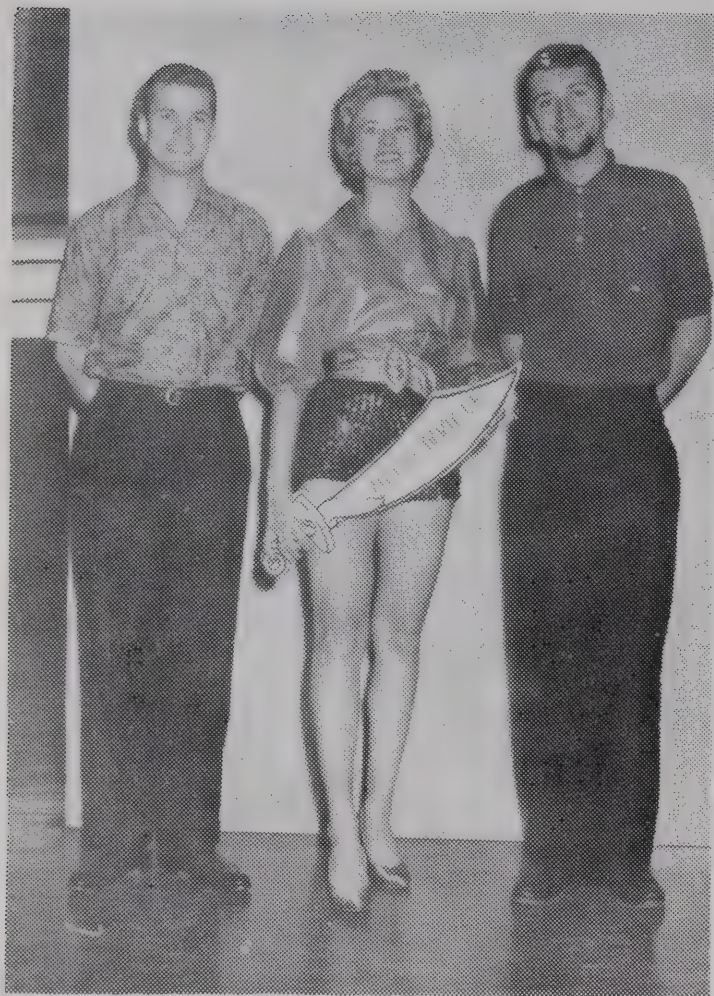
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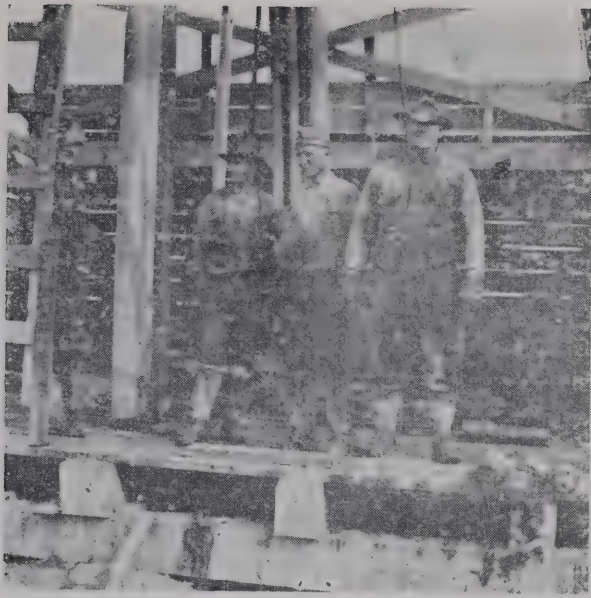
## Your Chamber of Commerce Advertises Your City

At the invitation of the Buccaneer's Commission of Corpus Christi, the Hebbronville Chamber of Commerce sent Miss Elva Wedgworth in 1959 to represent our city in the Buccaneer Days Celebration. The girls go as "pirate girls" and are judged by the type of rules used for Miss America contests -- beauty, poise, talent, etc.

In 1960, Miss Nanette Huff represented Hebbronville at Buccaneer Days Celebration.

Each year since July 4, 1953, our watermelon Queen has been invited to ride in Falfurrias in their Independence Day Parade.

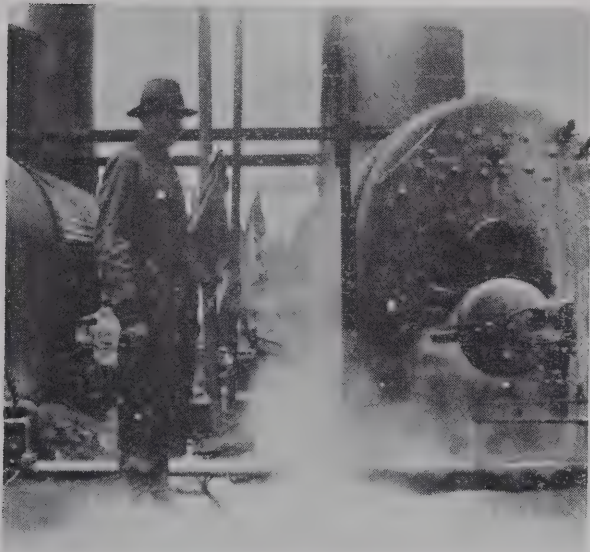
This year though Miss Bertha Dannier, Queen Melonie VI could not attend the Falfurrias Parade, she rode, by special invitation in the Lion's Club Annual Youth Rodeo Parade in Freer in June, at the inauguration of their new Youth rodeo arena.



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JOSEPH GRUY  
(Pictured with Sons, Viggo and Joseph Gruy, Jr.)

#### JOSEPH GRUY

Joseph Gruy, who was born in Austria in 1881 came to the United States in the early 1900's. He worked for a number of years in the St. Louis area as a bricklayer. Later he moved to South Texas where he contracted many building jobs. In 1919 he came to Hebbronville to build the Reuben Holbein home, where he met and married Lucile Kohler. Together they managed the Viggo Hotel until 1923, and after that the ranching property. At the same time Joseph Gruy continued his building interests, building a number of store buildings in Hebbronville, and a new wing on the Viggo Hotel.

After Lucile Gruy's death in 1933, Joseph Gruy continued managing Viggo Kohler's Estate as well as his own building and real estate interests throughout South Texas. He was extremely interested in civic affairs and was one of the men always called upon in times of trouble. He was particularly interested in the public schools, serving as a board member for a number of years as well as being instrumental in helping to solve the financial difficulties the school found itself in, in the 1930's and in 1956.



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**C. W. HELLEN**

C. W. Hellen, rancher and banker of Hebbronville, was born in Washington, D. C. October 31st, 1876, and at the age of 17 years, in January, 1894, came to Texas. Hebbronville and Jim Hogg County were not yet established. The station on the Texas-Mexican Railroad was three miles east of Hebbronville and known as Peñas Station. He came to the Waugh and Earnest "El Sordo" ranch which was the first American-owned in this part of the country, being established in 1833.

Mr. Hellen was in the cattle business from the time he came here, and in 1913 helped organize the First State Bank which is now the First National Bank of Hebbronville. He served as an officer and director until the time he was made Chairman of the Board.

In 1914 he married Alice Finckel of Washington, D. C. and they had two sons, Dana L. and Charles W., Jr., both of Hebbronville who are also in the cattle business.

In 1904 he established a small ranch on four state sections about 13 miles southwest of Hebbronville, acquiring other lands through the years. He handled every kind of a "cow brute" from a sway-backed, pot bellied doggie, to a fairly decent Hereford, and had seen this country at it's worst and at it's best, both as to range conditions and cattle values. When he first arrived, the country was plentiful with antelope and was bald open prairie. Now the antelope are just about extinct and the country is grown up in mesquite brush and prickly pear. He recalled many times the drouth and disastrous losses of all classes of livestock as a result of the winter of 1893-94 and the blizzard of 1899, the coldest weather ever known here before or since. Cattle froze to death by the thousands with the temperature 6 above zero. The lowest prices he ever saw paid for cattle in quantities was in 1896 when Ike Pryor bought and received one thousand cows from Don Enrique Viscaya at 5.00 per head. In later years, he saw light white face yearlings bring between .50 and

.60 a pound.

Truly a pioneer of the old school, Mr. Hellen went through most of his life on crutches, having lost his right leg in a streetcar accident in Washington, D. C. at the age of five years. He was a longtime member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

He died April 24th, 1962 leaving as survivors his wife, Alice F. Hellen, two sons, Dana L. and C. W., Jr., four grandchildren, Dianne, Charles William, James Christopher and Charlotte, and one great-grandchild, Christopher Leigh Hellen, all of Hebbronville.

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#### **DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . . . ?**

Jim Hogg County covers an area of 1,139 square miles. The elevation is 550 feet — population 4,500.

The Narciso Peña family gave the land for the first public Cemetery in this area and that Catholic and Protestant alike were buried here. In more recent years the late Mr. C. W. Hellen, Sr. gave the land for Greenhill Protestant Cemetery and the late W. W. Jones gave the land for the New Catholic Cemetery.

Randado was the only town in the United States completely surrounded by a stone wall.

Don Hipolito Garcia, owner of El Randado built the first fence in this area. It was 25 miles long and made entirely of wood as wire had not yet been introduced.

In 1883 the first water well was drilled at Las Vivoritas Ranch for the Montalvo family. Mr. John Long of Oilton made the machine and drilled the well, and his sons are still active drillers in this area.

Native antelope still run between Las Cuatas Ranch and Palangana Ranch. One of the three remaining herds not in state parks.

In 1916 Pancho Villa was on the move, when he was reported on his way toward Hebbronville looking for horses, all the people left their ranches for their security of the new Viggo Hotel.

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W. W. JONES

## W. W. JONES

W. W. Jones acquired his first land, the old San Javier Ranch out of the Las Animas de Abajo Grant, some 20,000 acres from which start has grown Jim Hogg County's largest ranch and one of the great ranches of the state.

Mr. Jones raised high grade Hereford cattle on his ranch. Oscar Thompson was his first ranch foreman and spent about nine years on the job, during which time the ranch grew and expanded. New ranch headquarters were established at what is now Alta Vista. Mr. Jones spent much of his time at this place personally directing his vast cattle business.

Mr. Jones had many other interests, including banking.

His son, A. C. Jones, with his lovely wife Gertrude, is well remembered. When the county was organized they were a young couple just starting married life. They were frequent visitors in our midst even after they moved to Beeville to live and educate their children.

Both W. W. Jones and A. C. Jones are dead, but the children and grandchildren of the pioneer cattleman are carrying on in the best tradition. Their influence is felt in many business fields and they are a most highly regarded family.

The W. W. Jones Educational Building at the Methodist Church was named in honour of the fine old gentlemen and the people of this area are indebted to his daughters, Mrs. Frank Morton Lewis, deceased, and Mrs. Kathryn Alexander for their part in making the building possible.

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DR. THOMAS STETSON'S HOME AS IT WAS BUILT  
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HIS SON, THOMAS STETSON, JR. AND FAMILY  
LIVE IN THE 1963 VERSION OF THE SAME  
HOUSE.

IT'S HOSPITALITY AND CONGENIALITY CON-  
TINUES NOW, AS IT WAS THEN.



THE HOME OF THE LATE MR. C. W. HELLEN.  
JUST AFTER IT WAS COMPLETED. PICTURED  
ARE DR. STETSON AND MR. HELLEN, GOOD  
FRIENDS SINCE BOYHOOD DAYS WHEN THEY  
BOTH CALLED WASHINGTON, D. C. "HOME".



THE HOME OF MRS. BARBARITA C. DE CUELLAR  
AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT, AT THE TIME  
MR. AND MRS. CUELLAR CAME TO HEBBRON-  
VILLE TO MAKE THEIR HOME AND PUT THEIR  
CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.

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## ROBERT HINNANT

Robert Hinnant has spent his lifetime in the cattle business in South Texas and is truly a pioneer of his county. He started his own cattle business in 1903 after several years of work as a cowboy for George West on the famous West Ranch in Live Oak County.

Mr. Hinnant was born in Live Oak County, Texas on October 19, 1879 and was educated in the public schools there.

On May 17, 1911 he married Miss Armour Heppenstall and they have one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Fulbright.

Mr. Hinnant has served as a member of the school board, as chairman of the Jim Hogg County Democratic Committee and chairman of the local Relief Board.

He was one of the original stockholders of the First National Bank and is the only original stockholder still living. He was one of the organizers of the Mirando Oil Company which brought in the first producing oil well in this section.

Mr. Hinnant is a very active man today and is remembered for his part in numerous activities.



ROBERT HINNANT (IN FRONT OF BANK)



MR. AND MRS. "BOB" TAKEN AT THE TIME OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK'S 50TH STOCKHOLDERS MEETING AND BANQUET, HELD IN EARLY SPRING OF 1963.

TO OUR KNOWLEDGE — MR. AND MRS. HINNANT ARE THE "OLDEST LIVING COUPLE" IN JIM HOGG COUNTY.

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ANOTHER SHOW-PLACE HOME WAS THAT OF HENRY EDDS. BELOVED BY ALL BECAUSE WITH EACH SHINGLE (ALMOST) MR. EDDS PLANTED A TREE — AND SOD OF GRASS. IT WAS "THE MECCA" SPOT FOR HEBBRONVILLE PIONEERS.

# The McCampbell's - "Vivoritas Ranch"



R. H. McCAMPBELL

## R. H. McCAMPBELL

In 1897 R. H. McCampbell took over the stage line between Hebbronville and Rio Grande City, but being a cattlemna at heart, he soon began trading extensively in this field and about 1901 he bought some land out of the Las Vivoritas tract. Here he built his home and was soon raising a high grade of white faced cattle. In 1903, the tallow weed crop was the greatest known up to that time, and Mr. McCampbell actually mowed the weeds down and ranked it into stacks.

Mrs. R. H. McCampbell is still living in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. McCampbell had one son Howell, who until his death continued to ranch on the home place.

Today Mrs. Howell McCampbell is known as one of our loveliest ladies. She still runs the ranch, and is assisted by her son Dick Jones McCampbell of Alice. She also has one daughter, Mrs. Roy Caldwell of Corpus Christi, Texas.

(Editor's Note: During World War II with training fields in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, at Laredo, Kingsville, Corpus Christi, and Beeville — so many training flights came over our area, that to help out the McCampbell's had Hebbronville painted in large letters on their ranch house roof!)



## DO YOU REMEMBER . . . . .?

The last horse drive down main street and all the way to Laredo. Boy what a sight that was!

Do you remember when you used to go to the Francisco Gutierrez store for your first ice cream cone, and to Edds and Acklen Lumber Yard for your block of ice?



HOWELL McCAMPBELL

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DR. THOMAS STETSON

#### DR. THOMAS A. STETSON

Dr. Thomas A. Stetson was the first physician in Hebbronville. He was born on June 23, 1871 in Washington, D. C. In July of 1900 he married Ellen Park Wilkinson of Washington, D. C., who died in 1943. Dr. Stetson with his family came to Hebbronville, Texas in 1914, and practiced medicine here until he retired in 1948. He was the first county health officer and in 1914 took a great part in the organization of the first drug store, as he also did in the county school system. He passed away in Corpus Christi where he was making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Stetson Edds. He was 88. During his life he had served as president of the Webb County Medical Society, Charter and Honorary member, as President of the Hebbronville Rotary Club, and was a member of the Alzafar Shrine Temple.

It would be safe to say that Doctor Stetson delivered more "Hebbronvillians" than you can count. No old timer can talk to you for very long without calling his name and remembering his many acts of kindness and mercy. He was the most immaculate man I have ever seen and was truly the epitome of professional excellence.

His daughter is remembered for many talents, and her lovely voice was heard on many occasions. When the ceremony celebrating the forming of this county took place, Virginia, a very young lady, wearing red, white and blue ribbons in her hair sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and recited the poem "Hats Off, The Flag is Going By."

Thomas Stetson, Jr., his only son, is a prominent insurance man in Hebbronville. He and his family take a most active part in all civic affairs of this community.



FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ

#### FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ

Francisco Gutierrez was born in Camargo, Tamps., Mexico, on Oct. 4th 1886. He came to Hebbronville while still in his teens. He worked and learned the retail business while employed by his brother Mr. Sixto E. Garcia, who operated one of the first stores in Hebbronville. After he separated from the employment of his brother Mr. Garcia, he opened up a little "Tendajo" called the Cash Store, and shortly after he entered in partnership with the late Filiberto Gutierrez, no relation.

On April 3rd 1912 he married Santos Salinas, who bore him 3 sons, and 4 daughters; one son and 4 daughters still living to this date.

Francisco Gutierrez established his own store in 1921, which was named The One Price Store. With a determined urge to make good in life, he worked hard and long hours and succeeded in making The One Price Store the number one General Mercantile Store in Hebbronville. Some of the many vivid stories told of Mr. Gutierrez, were that in his early teens, he personally dug a shallow water well which it is said still is a good well. He got paid with a horse and a saddle, the one thing he needed most at the time. He was the first merchant here to start Home Delivery Service using a mule and wagon for transportation, also with his mule and wagon he furnished transportation for Dr. Thomas Stetson, our first Physician here, on making his house calls in this area, and assisted him as an interpreter.

During depression years that followed 1929, it was hard on most of the businessmen and Mr. Francisco was one of the many that withstood terrific business reversals. His death came on May 6th 1932, but he still lives in the memories of the people that lived, shared, and dealt with him during his short life.



#### VINTAGE — 1916



LEFT TO RIGHT:

MRS. FRED SWANSON, MRS. H. B. GUILFORD, MRS. R. R. HOLBEIN, MRS. WM. McMURREY, MRS. A. C. JONES, MISS ALEENE SEWELL —  
AT LAS CUATAS RANCH  
(HOLBEIN) RANCH  
TO "SPEND THE DAY"

#### VINTAGE — 1932

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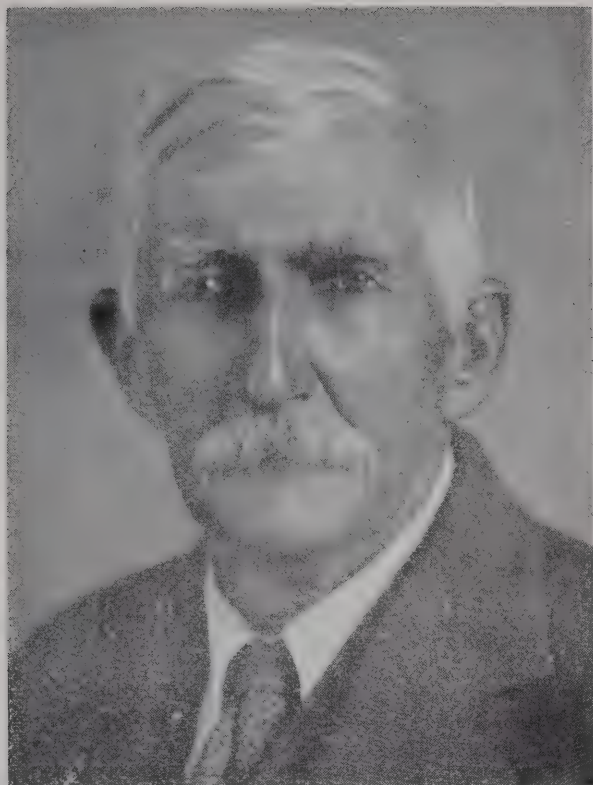
(ON CORPUS CHRISTI FISHING TRIP) — C. W. HELLEN, SR., ASA L. DRAPER, MRS. DRAPER, UNKNOWN, MRS. R. O. MIDDLEBROOK, MRS. HELLEN, AND MR. MIDDLEBROOK.



#### VINTAGE — 1950



D. C. HUNTER, RODEO PROMOTER, AND RANCHER — IN HEBBRONVILLE ABOUT 33 YEARS — CAME AS A FEDERAL "TICK" INSPECTOR AND TRAVELLED "FROM THERE." HIS "RANCHITO" IS THE SCENE OF MANY SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS.



HENRY C. YAEGER

## HENRY C. YAEGER

Henry C. Yaeger was born in Dalton, Georgia and spent his boyhood in that city, attending the schools there during the Civil War and Reconstruction days. He came to Texas in 1872, going first to Hays County, then to La Salle County where he ranched for several years. A little later he came to Hebbronville, where he acquired extensive ranching interests.

Mr. Yaeger was one of the organizers of the town's first bank, Hebbronville State then, but First National now. He was its first president and served in that post for many years.

One of the most prominent cattlemen of the area, he took the lead in much of the development work in this locality for a half a century.

He was the father of three sons, W. H., Louis, and Roy, and one daughter, Josephine Yaeger Armstrong.

His son, Roy is still a most active member of our community, and the Armstrong children, Earnest, Louis, Yaeger, and Florence Barfield are also land owners in this area. (His son,) Roy's children who are in Hebbronville, are: Marian Y. Huff, Robert R. Jr., and Josephine Y. Morris.

## VIGGO KOHLER

Viggo Kohler was born in Denmark, December 31, 1844. He attended public school in Denmark and came to America in 1867 when he settled in Chicago. There he worked in a box manufacturing plant and later at bridge building. In 1869 he came to Texas where he was employed largely in contracting jobs until 1875 when he became a lumber dealer at Saint Mary's.

He moved to Beeville in 1875 where in association with Mr. Heldenfels, he continued in the lumber business for a number of years. In the early 1900's he became interested in cattle and ranching. He sold his lumber business in Beeville and after buying El Torete ranch he concentrated his efforts on the town of Hebbronville. He gave a block for the first public school and one for the courthouse and later the land for a public park. In 1915 he built the Viggo Hotel. His interest and confidence in the future of this area continued until his death in 1930.

Viggo Kohler was survived by his daughter, Lucile Kohler Gruy, and Joseph Gruy whom she had married in 1921, and three grandchildren, Dagmar, Viggo and Joseph Gruy, Jr. Lucile K. Gruy died in 1933, survived by Joseph Gruy and their children. Joseph Gruy died in January of 1960 survived by three children and six grandchildren.



VIGGO KOHLER



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SIXTO GARCIA

### S. E. GARCIA

Mr. S. E. Garcia was one of the pioneers of this county and he resided in Hebbronville for more than 50 years. He was an attorney and merchant and was known as one of the political leaders of South Texas. He served as Chairman of the Republican Party in Jim Hogg County until his death.

He was born on a ranch in Starr County at Agua Nueva on August 3, 1873. He lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for 18 years and graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Law. He then returned to Hebbronville and entered the cattle business. After a short time he went out of the cattle business, but retained his lands which are located in Zapata and Duval Counties as well as our own.

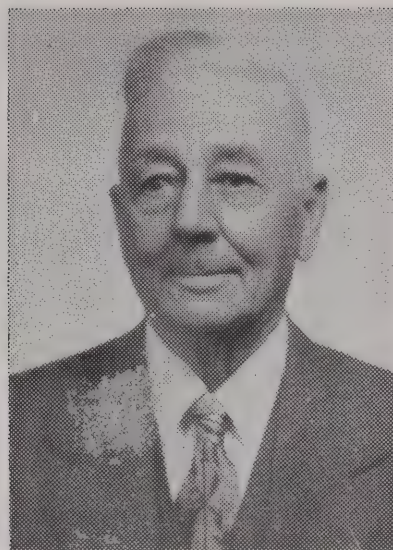
During World War I he operated a general merchandise store in Hebbronville, San Diego, and Robstown. He owned and operated the Garcia Telephone and Telegraph Company for many years, with the telephone systems in Laredo, Benavides, San Diego, and Hebbronville.

In conjunction with his father and brother, Manuel, he organized and with others controlled, the Merchants State Bank and Trust Company of Laredo. The bank is now the Union National Bank of Laredo.

Mr. Garcia was very active in the civic affairs of the area. He was very well educated and widely travelled. He was an interesting personality and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of many people in this part of Texas.



GUESS WHO ? — ARMY MAPPING — 1917



R. R. HOLBEIN

### R. R. HOLBEIN

Reuben Robert (R. R.) Holbein was born in Nueces County, Texas on the tenth day of July, 1875. His father, Reuben Holbein, Sr., a native of London, England came to Texas in 1852. He located in Nueces County and served as county clerk. He later formed an association with Captain King — one of the real cattle barons of Texas. His death occurred while with the King Estate, in March, 1887.

Reuben Holbein was educated in the schools of Corpus Christian and Nueces County and at the age of twenty entered a ranch near Alice, which he operated until 1902. At this time he moved to Hebbronville, where he entered the cattle business on a larger scale. He married Bashie Wright Guilford, a native of Texas, on September 12, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Holbein had six children.

All of his children have been very active in the community and are well known. They are Ray who served as County Commissioner for more than 30 years, and also as County Judge; twins Reuben and Robert (splitting their father's name — Reuben getting the first being eldest by 15 minutes.); George Bill, and two daughter's, Mrs. John Fatherree and Mrs. Griggs W. Brown.

He also was a "real" father to his two step-children H. Boyd Guilford, and Helen Guilford (Mrs. Robert Lynn.)

Mr. Holbein was a widely known cattleman and an authority on progressive stock raising methods. His advocacy of these methods did much to advance the cattle industry in this area.

Mr. Holbein is descended from the famous painter, Hans Holbein.



GUESS WHO ? — ARMY MAPPING — 1917



FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ AND THE ONE PRICE STORE — (SEE THE ORIGINAL FAMILY HOME, PAST GARAGE)



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**MRS. GARNER**

## **H. E. GARNER**

In October, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Garner came to Crestonio where they lived for one year and he was foreman for King and Hillia Ranch.

Mrs. Garner, a native of Gonzalez County married Mr. Garner of Bee County and they lived at Charlotte, Texas before coming here.

After they moved into town, Mrs. Garner ran the City Hotel. It was located near the railroad tracks and has since burned.

They next bought the home, near the Baptist Church, where Mrs. Garner still lives, and for about twenty years Mrs. Garner had boarders and roomers. Today, she still has roomers, but she no longer serves meals to them.

Before his death in 1937, Mr. Garner and his son, Gene, had a fleet of oil field trucks and were active in oil field work.

They had five children, Lucille (Mrs. Don Marsh); Eugene; Margarite, who died one month after they came to Hebbbronville; Roberta Mae, who passed away on July 14, 1963; and Russell.

Mrs. Garner remembers most vividly her early days here for there were many "bandit scares" and lots of "bootleggers" around.

On February 12, 1963 Mrs. Garner celebrated her 81st birthday. She was honored on this occasion with a beautiful party which the many guests enjoyed to the fullest.

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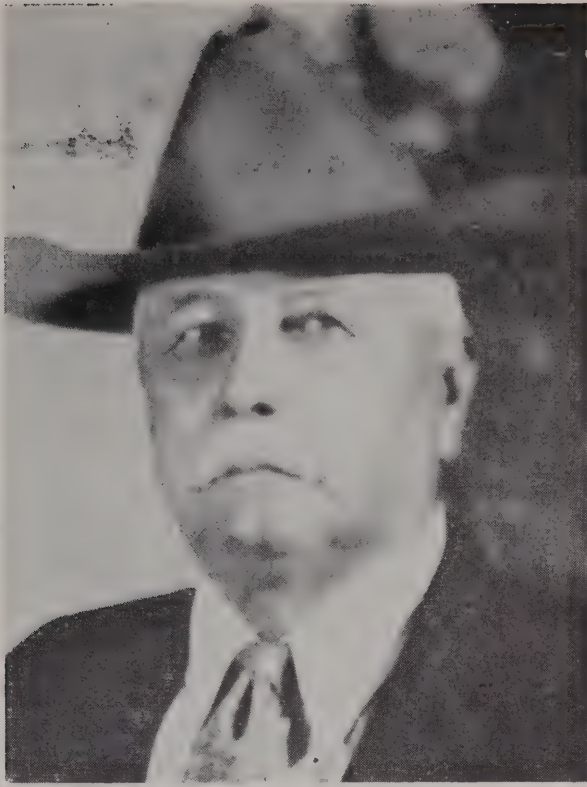
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**DAVID CHARLES STROMAN**

#### **DAVID CHARLES STROMAN**

The late David Stroman was a pioneer cattleman who will ever be associated with the history of Jim Hogg County. He came here in 1900, moving his family in 1904. He helped organize and was a charter member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and the order of the Eastern Star. He was a Director of the First National Bank one of the strongest financial institutes in this locality. He owned and developed various business buildings. He took an active interest in the development of the Oil and Gas in this area. Having a large family he took an interest in Civil, Church and School activities.

His earlier years were spent as an "Old Trail Driver"; having taken several trips to Northern Markets. One of the longest and most interesting was to Chugwater, Wyoming. He was also a Pony Express Rider and carried the mail and drove a stage between Rockport and Beeville.

"Uncle Dave" as he was widely known was born in St. Matthews, South Carolina, on March 21, 1861, the oldest child of Emanuel and Adele (Zeigler) Stroman. Coming to Texas when he was ten years old, he spent his early school days in De Witt County and later moving to Bee County. He married Cora Norton in Quincy, Texas, November 7, 1894. She was the daughter of Pendleton and Vandalia (Sparks) Norton. Of this union eleven children were born. They were Lenora B., Felix W., Adela Mae, Thomas P., Stella R., E. Inez and Laura N. Also the late William L., David L., Cora Etta and Roy H.

Long before he came here in 1900, Mr. Stroman had bought his unusual cattle brand, the "wrench A". It is still being used by members of his family.

The late Mrs. Stroman was born June 20, 1876 in Comanche, Texas. Moving to Quincy in Bee County with her parents and six sisters and brothers in 1892. Her father



**MRS. D. C. STROMAN**

Pendleton Norton was a school professor whose family had strong tendencies to be teachers and professional people. These traits she tried to instill in her children and grandchildren.

She proved to be a true pioneer woman, for after marrying Mr. Stroman and with five small children she moved to Hebbronville in 1904. This was an undeveloped frontier with many hardships and the few neighbors were often miles away. Here six more children were born, with only the last born being attended by a Doctor.

Her hospitality and good cooking were well known so you could always find her table set for a few "extras". Her peach cobbles and home made bread will long be remembered by all.

She was a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was very proud the year she served her third term as Worthy Matron to have her husband, five daughters, and one daughter-in-law holding offices with her.

Her generosity, love and inspiration were boundless and her acts of charity were so quietly performed, that often she was approached in behalf of someone she was already helping. It is a little known fact that she was given Honorary Memberships in such organizations as Boys Town, Buckners Orphanage, Del Mar College, and the University of Corpus Christi.

She was raised in the Presbyterian Church but later joined the Baptist Church but she never limited her help or offerings to any one church or organization, but donated freely to all.

In her later years she was easily recognized by wearing her sun bonnet to shade her eyes. She was affectionately called "Grandma" by all. She was loving, and loved in return by all who knew her, and is greatly missed.



## Wm. McMurrey

Captain Bill McMurrey was one of the most colorful Texas Rangers ever to ride a horse up and down the silvery Rio Grande, and in 1936 he was selected to pose in Paramount Studios in Hollywood for the bronze statue to be made of a typical Texas Ranger. This statue was displayed during the Texas Centennial Celebration in Dallas that year.

Widely known as a law enforcement officer, for he has served as deputy sheriff, game warden, been associated with the United States Customs Service, etc., he has none the less always been a cattleman, and still has an active interest in that industry.

"Captain Bill" as he is called affectionately, was born at Yoakum, Texas, December 17, 1889. He attended school at Floresville and later married Miss Ann Extence. They have one daughter, Mrs. Layne Talbert of Alice, Texas.

Mr. McMurrey is known as a man of kindly disposition and has the unbounded respect of people in every walk of life.

He has lived in this community since shortly after the turn of the century.



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PATRICIO CRUZ

#### PATRICIO CRUZ

Some say that one of the most colorful personalities of the era was Don Patricio Cruz (Pat to many friends). He was not rich in gold, nor cattle, nor oil, but he was rich in friends and love for his family and his community. He was born near Monterrey, N. L. Mex., and educated in that city. He came from a family of pioneer business men in Laredo, Texas; Eduardo, Manuel (Judge), and Jose, all deceased.

After completing a substantial education, he started young in the business world, traveling in South Texas. He married Isabelita Garcia in 1895, a native Texan from San Patricio. He came to Hebbronville at the time the county was organized and brought his family in October 1914.

He was engaged in several businesses, thus playing a big part in the progress of the county. He was the first to establish the Motion Picture business. Having lost two theatres, by the storm of 1919 and the fire of 1923, his courage was not ruined, and in 1925 he built, in partnership, the Casino. This old building, unoccupied, still stands



THE OLD CASINO THEATRE

across from the Plaza. Adhered to its meaning the Casino was used for theatrical plays, commencement exercises, wedding receptions and other social functions of those days. He was a sales representative of the Singer Sewing Machines Agency for many years in the south district. He knew the art of sign painting and house decorating. Mention has been made of his paintings in old buildings at Port Isabel. Other special works and designs are still intact in San Diego and Laredo, Texas. Some Hebbronville places also had the touch of his brush.

He was a tireless civic and social leader, known and respected by young and old of all walks of life. He passed away on Dec. 4th., 1926, his wife preceding him in death by five years and his only son, Francisco, by six months.

His diverse businesses were carried on at the time, by his six young daughters. All are well known citizens, Angelita, Josefina, Isabel, Hortensia, Ada and Adela. Four of them are married. Four still make their home in Hebbronville and are active in community and social affairs.



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FROM THE ALBUM OF LAURETTA (STROMAN)  
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## EUSTOLIO VASQUEZ

One of the early arrivals at the new town of Hebbbronville was Mr. Eustolio Vasquez, a citizen of Ciudad Guerrero, Mexico.

Mr. Vasquez's primary interest in moving with his family to Hebbbronville, was the town's bi-lingual educational facilities. He wanted his children to become proficient in the Spanish language first, and then proceed to acquire English as a second language in the public schools.

The Colegio Altamirano offered an excellent opportunity to the children of the newly arrived citizens from Mexico. No other town in the immediate vicinity of Jim Hogg County enjoyed this particular advantage. So Mr. Vasquez, after canvassing other towns on the educational field, decided on Hebbbronville as the answer to his children's need.

After a brief residence in Zapata, he decided to move with his wife Ma. del Refugio Cuellar de Vasquez and his young family to Hebbbronville, in August, 1917, and thereupon Hebbbronville became the Vasquez's permanent residence.

Mr. Vasquez's oldest son, Sabas, had received a complete education at the Colegio Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara at Ciudad Guerrero. Upon arriving on this side of the Rio Grande, he came directly to Hebbbronville to find himself a job. Shortly thereafter he was employed at the only pharmacy, owned by the partnership of the late Dr. Thomas Stetson and the likewise deceased Narciso Peña and Filiberto Gutierrez. Later on, he held several jobs of consequence in some of the main local establishments.

Eustolio arrived two years later and was employed as clerk and also as book-keeper in such concerns as The Middlebrook Ford Motor Co. and Edds and Weid Hardware store and in many others besides.

In what respects the younger members of the family, their school attendance was of primary urgency. Dora and Armando decided to enroll at the public school

Juan, Gustavo, Beatriz, Mauro, Jose de la Luz and Ramiro were registered at the Colegio Altamirano. The general instruction they received, at this institution became an educational background of extraordinary value to them in their subsequent studies at the public schools.

Soon, after the completion of the first five years of the Altamirano curricula, they enrolled at the public school.

Many of the public school teachers readily recognized the potential of the Altamirano student. The educational status of the student was such as to demand special attention. Most of these students were speedily promoted and in the space of one year completed four to five grades.

Everyone of the Vasquez children that attended the public schools finished High School with high honors. The case of Beatriz and Gustavo is a unique example in the history of Hebbbronville High School; wherein two members of the same family graduated with the highest honors in the same class.

Some years later, however, this example was repeated, when Sabas' two daughters, Hilda and Rosa Lidia received the highest honors in the class of 1953.

Of the Vasquez family, five of them still live in Hebbbronville: Sabas, a rancher; Juan, owner of the C. O. D. Cafe and trustee of the Public School District; Gustavo, owner of The Drive In Theatre; Alejandro, a county employee and rancher; and Dora V. Chapa, a music teacher. The other five who have left town are Eustolio of Falfurrias, who runs a service station; Mauro of Benavides, manager of The Alamo Lumber Co.; Armando of Laredo, presently employed at Laredo Air Base; Beatriz Mueller, a nurse at St. Joseph's, Houston; and Ramiro, post office

clerk, of New York. Jose de la Luz, who is still remembered, passed away in 1941.

## THE ROACH FAMILY

One of the families living in Hebbbronville at the time that Jim Hogg County was organized was that of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roach and their six children. Two other children were born to them after that. The old rock house which Mr. Roach built as their home still stands in Hebbbronville. Mr. Roach served as Justice of the Peace during those early years.

As the children grew up, they left Jim Hogg County: some left to make homes of their own; some to take up careers. Eloise, now of Austin, was one of the early teachers in Jim Hogg County. Later she taught in Temple High School, in The University of Texas, Louisiana State College, Stephen F. Austin State College, and for many years until 1963, she taught French in the Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin. At present she is a successful writer and translator. Anna, or Annie as she was called at home, is now Mrs. Charles Ivan Beeman of Laredo. She taught many years in Webb County, and for the past six years she has been with the Laredo Independent School System. Virginia lives with her.

The youngest Roach child, Joseph Andrew, Jr., -- called Joe, -- married the former Miss Genevieve Neville and, after serving in the United States Navy during World War II, settled in Brownsville, where he teaches in the Brownsville Public Schools.

## JOSE MARIA GUTIERREZ

Jose Maria Gutierrez - Born in Guerrero, Tamps., son of Mr. and Mrs. Evaristo Gutierrez on the 25th day of September, 1890. A cattleman and rancher, he spent his early life in the cattle business with his father continuing with him until his death in 1921. He owns several ranches in Zapata, and Jim Hogg County. He raises Hereford and Brahama cattle.

He was married on the 5th day of May, 1916 to Miss Dora Vela and moved from Zapata to Hebbbronville on January 3, 1923. They are the parents of nine children, all of whom attended the Colegio Altamirano in their early years, later attended public school in Hebbbronville where all of them graduated.

At present, Jose Albar, employed by State Department Public Welfare in Hebbbronville, Lauro, Chemical engineer, employee of Pacquin's Laboratory in Galveston, Texas, Mrs. Elma G. Cantu; Jose, Jr. a professor at Lanier's and at Jefferson's High School during the summers, Mrs. Dora G. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, former teacher in Hebbbronville and Corpus Christi, Mrs. Olivia G. Muñoz, Miss Yolanda Gutierrez teaching at Staffer, San Antonio. Mrs. Raquel G. Raymond, former teacher in San Antonio, and Romeo in cattle and ranching business with his father.

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#### CCAT RODEOS

Since the new Hebbronville Youth Rodeo Association has been in existence, it has revived memories of past performances in this area. Never a year goes by, but what some group sponsors a roping, riding contest, but always in recent times, the animal roped has been a cow. Makes this writer remember when we used to have "goat rodeos". The spot where the Guilford house now stands was a famous "goat rodeo grounds" in days gone by.

#### JOHN AND ASA DRAPER

Shortly after 1910 the Draper brothers, John and Asa L. arrived on our scene where they located on the Santa Rita Ranch.

In 1912 the John Draper's, who came from Carlsbad, New Mexico, moved into town. It was nothing like it is today and even the area where Mrs. John Draper now resides was not a part of the little city.

Mr. Draper died in 1930 leaving his wife, Tena, who is one of our most loved ladies; a son, John, Jr. who now lives in Corpus Christi; and a daughter, Dorothy Draper Holbein who died in 1958.

Mrs. Tena Draper was Postmistress of Hebbronville for about nine years and in her work there became a friend to all.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Draper — "Ace" and Myrtle — stayed on at Santa Rita Ranch until about 1912. Shortly after coming to town they built the house where Mrs. Draper continued to live until her recent departure for Houston.

Mr. Draper is mentioned elsewhere for his skill as a rodeo performer and one and all remember Mrs. Draper as a devoted club woman who has often held state offices during the years she has been a member of the Self Culture Club. She is the only Charter member still active and in recognition of her out-standing work she was made an honorary member several years ago.

Mr. Draper died about 1955 leaving besides his wife, a son, Alfred, of Houston, Texas and two grandchildren.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: HELEN SEWELL, JUDGE AND MRS. A.M. BRUMFIELD, EVELYN BRISCOE, MRS. J. FRANK McGEE, MRS. SEWELL, REV. W. C. PERKINS, AND MR. SEWELL. IN BACKGROUND, ON FIRE ESCAPE IS MRS. PAYNE BRISCOE. (TAKEN AT BACK DOOR OF HOTEL VIGGO WHEN MRS. SEWELL WAS MANAGER.)

### I. N. SEWELL

Mr. I. N. Sewell came to this area in 1907 and when his house was completed his family came in 1908 to join him. Their property was near Santa Rita Ranch and the Drapers their closest neighbors.

Until he came here, Mr. Sewell farmed and had been in the grocery business.

He had a true pioneer's spirit and in his early youth staked a claim in what is now Colby, Kansas. Often he expressed a desire to go to Canada or some other far away place to try his luck.

Many of his Kansas neighbors came to Texas when

he did. They had expected a virtual paradise and of course, found little. Many of the people who bought small tracts soon went back north and Mr. Sewell leased much of their land when they left. Often Mr. Sewell was depressed with conditions here, but Mrs. Sewell always cheered him on. She saw the bright side everytime.

Mr. Sewell finally moved to town in 1930. He died November 10, 1943 and his wife followed December 31, 1947.

They had nine children. These are still living and are well known in Hebbronville; Alleene, Helen, Opal, Howard, Emil and Garland.



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### E. L. ARMSTRONG

Mr. E. L. Armstrong came to Jim Hogg County in 1908 from his former home in La Salle County. He was born in North Central Texas November 13, 1882 and after public school he attended Southwestern University at Georgetown. It was at this time that he met Josephine Yaeger, and they were married on December 12, 1900. She was the only daughter of H. C. Yaeger who is mentioned elsewhere in this book.

The Armstrongs had five children. Earnest Yaeger, and Louis are still actively in ranching in this vicinity. Mrs. Florence Armstrong Barfield, their only daughter in one of the towns favorite people, and Halsell the youngest child died several years ago.

Mr. Armstrong was a steady and consistent advocate of finer breeding stock.

This writer, who knew Mr. Armstrong only in his late years, remembers him as a very witty man who always looked like the proverbial "band box".



### PICTURES (LEFT)

TOP — L. TO R. — LOUIS ARMSTRONG, MR. CURTIS, ROY YAEGER, UNKNOWN, FLORENCE ARMSTRONG, OLLIE DANNELEY, MARY CLOPTON, UNKNOWN, ESTELLE EAST, MRS. ARMSTRONG, MR. ARMSTRONG, HALSELL, (SEATED) JACK SMALL, BERT ALLEN, EARNEST ARMSTRONG.



CENTER — ALL OF THE EVERETT ARMSTRONG FAMILY, BERT ALLEN, CLARA DANNELEY, OLLIE DANNELEY, ROY YAEGER, JACK SMALL, MARY CLOPTON, FLORA SMALL, AND ESTELLE AND MALLIE LUQUE, ARE ALL IN PICTURE.

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ARMY MAPING CAMP SCENES — TAKEN AT THE ARMSTRONG RANCH ABOUT 1917.

MAJOR ALEC DAVIES WAS IN CHARGE (FRONT RIGHT IN TOP PICTURE) — FRONT LEFT IS H. C. YAEGER.



ABRAHAM R. RAMIREZ

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Abraham R. Ramirez was born on the San Antonio Viejo Ranch, August 27, 1875.

He was the son of one of the pioneer families who settled in Hebbbronville, one of the ten children of Don Lino Ramirez and Doña Lucia Ramirez de Ramirez.

With his family Don Abraham left the ranch and came to Hebbbronville in 1923 where he lived until his death on May 14, 1959. He was the father of Rosa R. Anaya, who was for many years the Treasurer of Jim Hogg County.



IN LOWER PICTURE, MRS. E. L. ARMSTRONG HOLDS SON, BABY HALSELL IN LAP.



MRS. J. H. GONZALEZ, HOLDING HANDS OF GRACE G. (McBRIDE) AND ELIZABETH G. (RAMIREZ).



Pictured here are: left to right, Abel Saldaña, Alberto Saldaña, Arturo Garcia, Memita Hinojosa, Eliza Saldaña, Encarnacion Ramirez, Emma Ramos, Romula Garcia, Josefina Garcia, Maria Lola Gomez, Laura Ramirez, teacher, and Carolina Garcia, at the first school house, 1917, in La Salada.



Pictured here are: left to right, Francisco Garcia, Francisco Ramos, Baldomero Garcia, Adolfo Aldrete, Miguel Garcia, Donaciano Aldrete, Isidro Saldaña, Amado Salinas, Adrian Ramos, Senobio Ramos, at the first store in La Salada.

In 1885 Mr. and Mrs. Nicanor Garcia came to La Salada. She was the daughter of Jose Maria Ramirez. They came from Ciudad Mier through Roma. They brought with them their 12 living children, ((two had died.)); and two adopted children. These were Antonio, Francisco, Santos, Ricardo, Cleofas and Jesus, the boys and Petra, Francisca, Juanita, Mauricia, Romula, Paulina and the adopted children, Victoriana and Miguel. Of all these only Antonio and Victoriana are still living. They are 83 years old and live with his daughter, Julieta Reynaga, a graduate nurse, in Hebbronville.

La Salada was quite a spot. The word means "the watering place" and it was just that. Even today the four large "Pilas" where travellers could water their animals are still there.

Jose Maria Ramirez was the first owner of La Salada and he had eight sites or more than 35,000 acres.

In 1901, he divided the land among his children. The main business then was the selling of cattle and horses. Their corrals were built of mesquite trees, put together as close as possible and the area covered two square blocks.

The first store was owned by Lazaro Ramirez and run by his son, Tomas. In the store was the post office, and the one telephone in the entire area.

Carolina Garcia (Aldrete) was the teacher in the first school at La Salada.

The family later sold their land to Ernest Miller and he in turn sold it to Reuben Holbein.

In 1917, Mr. Francisco Garcia father of Mrs. Julian Gomez opened the second store in La Salada. In 1923, the family came in to Hebbronville to put the children in school.

Mr. Garcia died in 1944. He was survived by his wife and two daughters, Lola of Hebbronville, and Angelita of Falfurrias.

It is a most interesting fact that Mr. Rosendo Saldaña has in his possession today, the original grant to La Salada, issued by the King of Spain.

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ESTELLE (LUQUE) AND CHARLES D. EAST IN STORM CELLAR AT THE OSCAR THOMPSON HOME.



#### OSAR THOMPSON

Oscar Thompson was born in Wilson County, Texas, on September 16, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of Bee County where he operated a ranch until coming to Jim Hogg County in 1896. He was one of the first settlers of this section and was identified with it's development. For many years he operated one of the largest ranches in the county. In 1918 he went out of the cattle business and devoted his time to his mercantile interests until the time of his death, in 1936.

Mr. Thompson was married in 1901 to Miss Alice Webster, a native of Texas, and two sons, W. J. and O. A. were born to them.

In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Thompson built their lovely home which is still standing near the Magnolia Warehouse. So famous was the hospitality of this couple, they spent only one night alone in their new home during their first year there. (Editor's Note: The first, and only home built with a storm cellar--a subject of amazement and pride to local citizenry!)

Mrs. Thompson was well known for her many kindnesses to the poor and the sick. Many people today who are having Easter Egg Hunts for their grandchildren, recall the happy day when Mrs. Thompson invited all the area children to hunt eggs at her home.

Though this fine family are now all gone, they are fondly remembered when old times are discussed.



#### DO YOU REMEMBER?

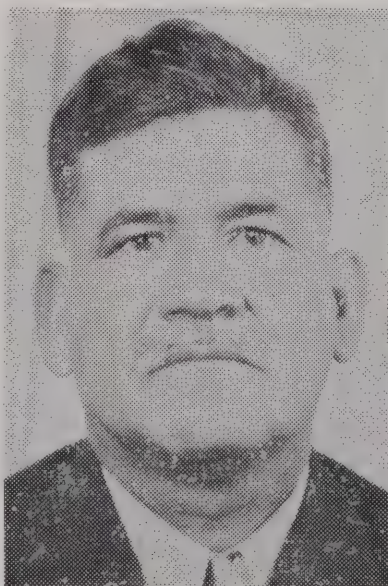
When kids and teenagers used to play hide and seek on horseback and ride their horses up to the drugstore for curb service?

When Dick Jones had the artesian "swimming pool" and on Sunday everyone took a picnic lunch and went out there for fun? Sometimes as many as 50 people would gather.

When you could buy a whole cabrito for 50c on almost any corner in town? Now you can't get it many places and its more than that per pound.



Ruins of The Yzaguirre Ranch Home. You can clearly see the two Loopholes used to fire guns against the marauding Indians in this part of the country.



LAZARO GALLARDO, JR.

#### LAZARO GALLARDO, JR.

A popular citizen of Hebbronville is Lazaro Gallardo. He was born in Ciudad Guerrero, Tamps., Mexico, on April 25, 1892. Lazaro came to this little town in May, 1913, so he is celebrating the golden anniversary of his arrival here.

He has been in the furniture upholstery business for many years. Lazaro is a very familiar person, known to most everyone because he worked for many years at the school and also at the bank.



"SILLAR HOUSE"

#### VELA RAMIREZ

The above "Sillar" house, which still stands, was built in 1879 by Don Manuel Vela Ramirez in El Puerto Ranch.

Don Emiliano Vela and his family occupied this house when he managed his vast land and that of Don Manuel Vela Ramirez which consisted of about 30,000 acres in "El Peyote Grant."

Don Emiliano and his wife, Angela R. Vela moved to Hebbbronville in 1913 to educate their children, four sons and a daughter: Isidro, Manuel, Emiliano Jr., Lauro and Velia.


Isidro, the eldest, became the administrator of the estate after his fathers' death in 1929. Vela Bros., as their interests are known, are one of the largest land owners of South Texas, and are recognized as having some of the finest Herefords, Short Horns and mixed breeds. Besides their extensive cattle interests, they have aided in the development of the oil industry in Jim Hogg County, and have considerable acreage leased for development purposes.



MANUEL VELA RAMIREZ




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Mr. C. F. Luque came to Hebbronville in 1913 to build the Viggo Hotel. Prior to this time he had lived in Beeville, but when the hotel was completed, Mr. Luque stayed on this town where he built many homes and business houses. Some of the places he built are the old Stroman home, the Reuben Montalvo home, the Fulbrights, the Marshes, the Masonic Lodge Building and the Hellen Building where Quita's Gift Shop is now located.

Mr. Luque was an honest, temperate man who loved to hunt and spent his leisure hours with the Hinnant boys, John and Robert, enjoying this past time.

Two daughters are well known and respected members of our community. Mrs. Ory, who lived here for many years, but now resides in Beeville, and Mrs. Chralie East, who has recently built a new home in Hebbronville, where we hope she will be happy for many years to come.



ON THE STEPS OF THE VIGGO HOTEL



DONA ANGELITA LONGORIA AND  
GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER, ROSA-LIDIA RAMOS



#### THE LONGORIA FAMILY

The Longoria family which has resided in Hebbronville since 1914 came from Bruni, Texas, the father having died before moving to Hebbronville. The mother, Doña Angelita, passed away in May 25, 1961. The well known members of this family are Feliciano, Manuela, Pedro, Tomas, Juanita and Manuel. They were reared and went to school here.



#### EUSTORGIO TREVIÑO

Mr. Eustorgio Treviño brought his young bride Mrs. Maria de Jesus T. Treviño from Ciudad Guerrero, Mexico in 1908. Their home was built one block east from the Catholic Church. Mrs. Treviño has actively taken charge of her husband's interest in cattle since he passed away. She is also a popular member of the cultural and social families of our town. Their two children are Velia T. Paz and Nicolas P. Treviño who reside in Alice, Texas.



#### POLICARPIO GARZA

Mr. Policarpio Garza and wife Epimenia, pioneers of Hebbronville, moved from Peña when the townsite was formed. He had the first Meat Market in town. They lived in a log house while they built their present home situated on the East side of the Plaza. They are survived by two daughters and a son: Concepcion, Angelina, and Jose Maria Garza.



MR. AND MRS. JOE S. GARCIA

#### PIONEERS OF JIM HOGG COUNTY

Mr. Joe S. Garcia is the eldest son born to Don Nicolas Garcia and Felicitas Montalvo Garcia. He was born July 25, 1883 in Ranch SAN PEDRO, then in Duval County. In recalling the past, Mr. Garcia says, "My grandfather, Eduardo Montalvo, had a very large family. At that time the King of Spain would give tracts of land to all who wanted to colonize." Thus Mr. Montalvo with the help of his sons and daughters made Rancho SAN PEDRO into a prosperous and populated ranch.

Life at San Pedro was very gay. Friends from the neighboring ranches would come to the dances given there. There was one rule however and it was that nothing stronger than water was drunk at the Montalvo home.

Mr. Garcia continues, "My cousins and I went to the school at LA FLORIDA about one mile from the ranch. The Professor was Jacobo Gonzalez, and at night he would hold classes for the adults at SAN PEDRO.

He was twelve years old when his paternal grandfather took him to San Antonio to attend the Convent of Providence so that he might continue his education. All that remains of that Convent now is the church that is surrounded on three sides by Joske's of Texas.

Mr. Garcia has four sisters and two brothers all living at the present time in San Antonio, Texas. He married Miss Josephine Ramirez. Their family are two sons, Ralph and Joe and one daughter, Beatrice who is married to Dr. (Judge) H. T. Martinez.



ABEL MONTALVO

The above picture needs no introduction as everyone knows the old timer citizen and old timer Jim Hogg County servant, Mr. ABEL MONTALVO. He has held the post of constable for our county in Precinct No. 1, for about twenty-four years. He is one of the sons of Don Alonzo Montalvo and Beatriz de Montalvo (both deceased) early settlers of the popular ranch San Pedro.

He married one of the most beautiful young ladies of La Florida, the former Endelia Salinas. Their children are: Roldan, Roel, Rodolfo and Ramiro, all four have served Uncle Sam; and their two daughters Rebeca and Rosabel.

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LUPE GARIBAY

#### GUADALUPE GARIBAY

Guadalupe Garibay was born in Escobas, Texas, Zapata County on December 12, 1876. She came to Hebronville around 1909 where she ran a boarding house. Later she worked with Dr. Stetson and being a midwife brought a lot of babies into the world, including four of her own grandchildren. She delivered triplets (all girls) to Mrs. Manuel Morante.

In those days there were no funeral homes so whenever anybody died they always called on her to dress the dead person.

Other occasions when her help was always solicited was at weddings. She was always called upon to be in charge of wedding receptions.

She was a very generous and charitable person and was always ready to lend a helping hand to whoever needed it, regardless of race or social position.

She died on January 9, 1948 and almost the whole town attended her funeral. It seems like almost everybody remembered her kindly and was grateful to her for something.



From The Album of Mrs. Charles East:

(Taken By Bert Allen)

LEFT TO RIGHT: OLLIE DANNELLEY, ROY YAEGER,  
CLARA (DANNELLEY) YAEGER,  
ESTELLE (LUQUE) EAST, HENRY  
TIMBERLAKE.



SAM LANE

#### SAM LANE

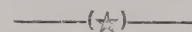
This picture shows Sam Lane, who came to this part of the country in the 1870's from Round Rock. He worked as a cowhand on the Particion Ranch, owned by the Kelsey family.

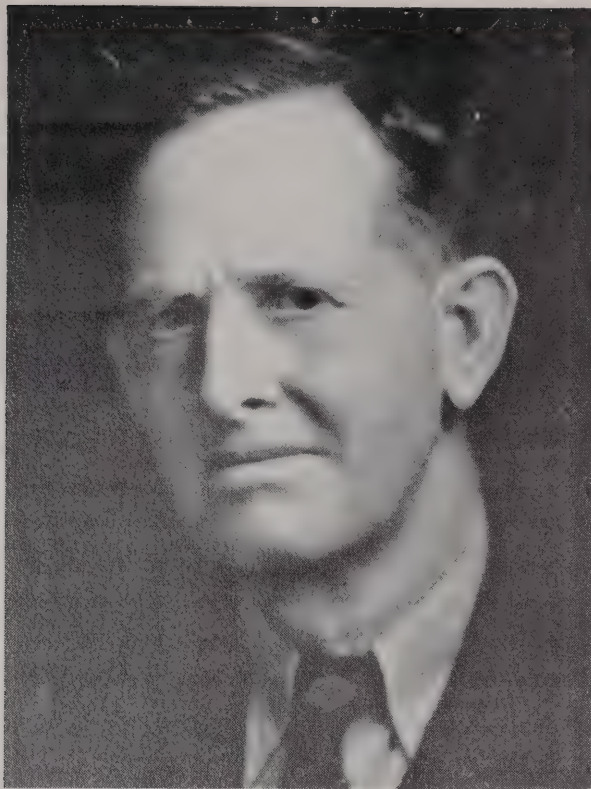
Records of this ranch reveal that Mr. Lane was preparing for a trail drive to Kansas about this time and he purchased a saddle for \$21.00 and a pistol for \$14.00. Quite a difference in our prices today!

As he worked, he prospered and he acquired a sizable estate. He owned the old Agua Dulce Ranch for many years before selling to T. T. East, Sr. At the time of his death he owned the Novillas Ranch in Hidalgo County.

Mr. Lane died in the 1930's as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the Falfurrias highway.

He never married, but he raised two boys and one girl. One of the boys, Jack Lane now lives near Edinburg at the Red Gate.





**MONROE CORKILL**

Some member of the Corkill family has been in this area since the late 1880's. The parents of Edward Corkill of the Smyth Corkill Ranch came to Corpus Christi about 1850. They came from England. His father was born on the Isle of Man, off the English and Irish coasts.

Edward's brother John Corkill was the overseer on the Smyth - Corkill Ranch, El Sordo, and in 1894, he was killed by lightning when his youngest son, Monroe, was just 3 years old.

At this time the Edward and John Corkill families lived in Realitos.

In 1927, Mr. Monroe Corkill moved to Hebbronville with his wife and 2 sons, Waters and Richard. He lived here until his death in October, 1961. He was a cattle raiser and ranched on the Barroneño, north of Hebbronville for 20 years.



**DO YOU REMEMBER . . . . ?**

Do you remember when you used to go to Laredo and had to open 27 gates along the way? No wonder it took so long.

Do you remember when you just loved to go to the store 'cause you knew you'd get a "pilon". It was the nicest custom ever practiced and the kids loved it.

Do you remember when everyone took his laundry to some good woman who washed outside on an open fire and when your clothes came home they were so clean but smelled strongly of good old wood smoke. It's a far cry from today's automatic washing machines and the convenient washateria where you can take clothes, have them washed, dried and folded in just a matter of minutes, almost.

Do you remember the "Five Horsemen?" They were lifelong friends and old timers and now all are gone. They were Tom East, Sr., Boyd Guilford, Alonzo Taylor, Howell McCampbell, and Dick Jones. Everyone called them that.



**SEVERO PENA SAENZ**

The above photograph shows the early residence of Mr. Severo Saenz with family and his wife Mrs. Porfiria H. de Peña Saenz. Posing with Mrs. Peña Saenz are her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Hopkins; and her sons, Medardo and Jesus Peña, by well.

Mr. Severo Peña Saenz was a life resident of this town and also of his ranch known as LA FLORIDA. He was one of the first South Texan agriculturists of the 1900's to have planted cotton in this area. His father, Juan Peña and brothers; Dionicio, Francisco, Florencio, Lazaro, Severo and Pilar were engaged in cattle, mule, horse and sheep raising in this county.

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Since he came to Hebbronville to make his home, he has owned and operated the Middlebrook Ford Motor Company, was agent for Magnolia Oil Company and is now agent for Sun Oil Company.

In recent years, Mr. Middlebrook has not been in the best of health, but his happy disposition has never failed him.

Last year he and "Miss Ruby" celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and almost everyone in town plus carloads of "cut-of-townners" enjoyed the reception given in their honor. They are really "top drawer" to all who know this fine couple.

## MR. J. A. GARZA

Mr. J. A. Garza, one of the pioneers of Hebbronville, came to this country in 1890 living here on Baluarte Ranch. On April 29, 1897 he married Miss Carlota Ramirez Figueroa at Charco Redondo. Here at that time their only neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Gonzalez and Mr. and Mrs. Olson. North of town lived Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Hernandez.

In 1898 he bought a house built by Bonifacio Garza of adobe which is still in use and considered the oldest house in Hebbronville. He owned and operated a Livery Stable, the local Cantina and Grocery Store, and later was in the Furniture Business. The Grocery is now managed by his son Arturo M. Garza and the Furniture business by his son and daughter J. A. Garza, Jr. and Concha Garza.

## MRS. J. A. GARZA

Mrs. Carlota R. Garza a spry 81 years old is one of the oldest and prominent ladies of our community. She married at an early age to Mr. Jose A. Garza and reared five children, all of which are a credit to their community.

Doña Carlota was honored this year as one of the "Lovely Ladies" of the Cento Garden Club.



MR. J. A. GARZA

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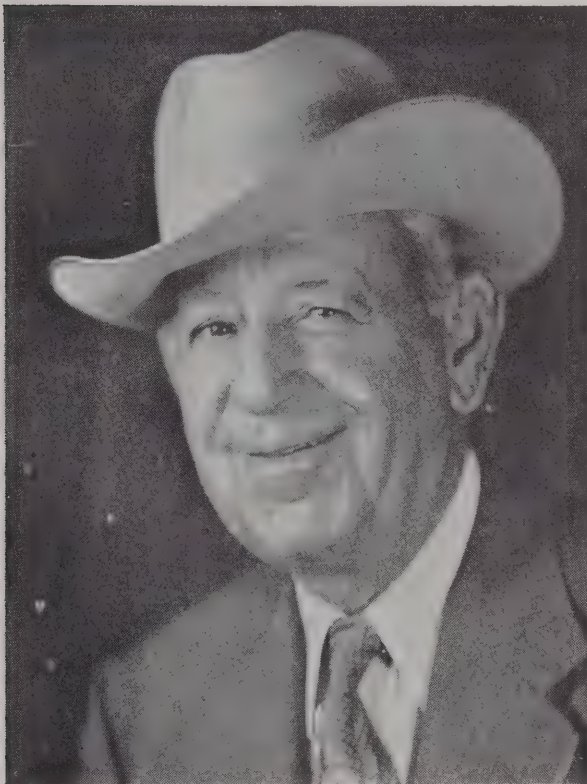
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## MR. ASCENCION MARTINEZ

Mr. Ascencion Martinez was a pioneer cattleman of Jim Hogg, Webb and Zapata Counties. The combined ranches aggregated a total of approximately twenty thousand acres and constitute some of the most valuable and highly improved ranch lands in this portion of the state. He was married to Petrita Villarreal and had three children, Adalberto, Tomasa M. Garcia, who are deceased, and Humberto Martinez who lives in Hebbronville.

Mr. Martinez was a civic minded citizen and was one of the founders of the first school in Hebbronville.



ADALBERTO A. MARTINEZ

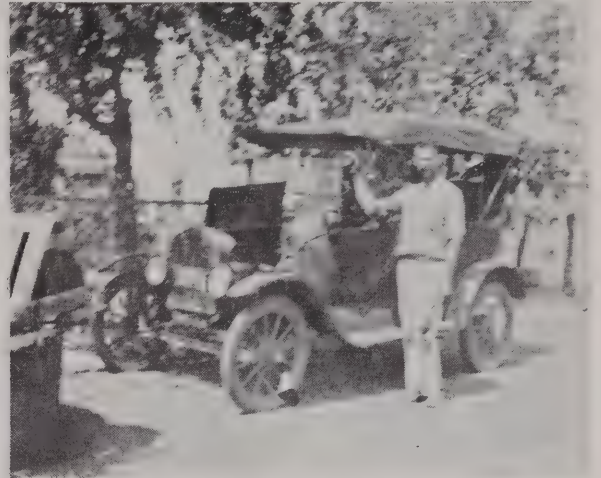


## MR. ADALBERTO A. MARTINEZ

Mr. Adalberto A. Martinez was a rancher who raised high grade commercial cattle. His brand "14" has been used by the Martinez family in South Texas since about 1910. Mr. Martinez also raised some feed stuffs. He was born January 12, 1888, son of Ascencion Martinez, pioneer rancher of South Texas. He was reared and attended school in Hebbronville. He married Isaura Barrera of Hebbronville and had eight children, six of whom are living, Dr. H. T. Martinez; Romeo; Arnoldo, Issura, Petrita and Marina. Mr. Martinez passed away January 17, 1953.

## FERNANDO RAMIREZ

One of the early automobiles in Hebbronville was owned by Don Emiliano Vela. Posing by the side of the car is Fernando Ramirez, a brother-in law of the owner. Mr. Ramirez passed away about three years ago. His wife Mrs. Leonarda de Ramirez resides here. Their children are: Heberto Ramirez, Fernando, Jr., Felipe Angel and Carmen( Mrs. Guadalupe Longoria.)



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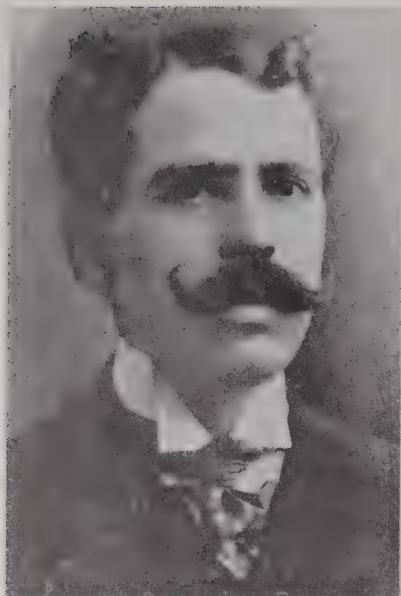
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# Dr. and Mrs. Ismael Vela-Vasquez



DR. ISMAEL VELA-VASQUEZ



MRS. VELA-VASQUEZ

Dr. Ismael Vela-Vasquez was among the first doctors to come to Hebbronville, Texas. He was born June 17, 1881 at Agualeguas, N. L., Mexico. In 1901 he graduated from "Colegio Civil" in Monterrey, N. L., Mexico. In 1908 he received a Medical degree from the University of San Luis Potosi, S. L. P., Mexico. He then went to Mexico City, where he specialized in Ophthalmology, completing his studies at the University of Mexico in 1910.

In 1916 he came to Hebbronville, Texas. After furthering his studies at the University of Texas, he received his License from the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine in Texas.

He married the former Esther Cuellar in Zapata County, Texas. Mrs. Vela-Vasquez is a native of old Ciudad Guerrero, Tamps., Mexico. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Maria Cuellar Ochoa and family, because of revolutionary disturbances in Mexico, had come to live on their landholdings in Texas.

Dr. Vela-Vasquez resided and practiced medicine in Hebbronville, Texas, until 1918, when because of his great desire to continue his studies and research, he returned to San Luis Potosi, S. L. P. Mexico. However, he always intended to return to Hebbronville after a few years of study. From 1918 to 1928 he was Professor of Bacteriology, Ophthalmology and Anatomy at the University of San Luis Potosi. He was head of the Laboratory Department of the "Dr. Miguel Otero

Hospital" in that city. Mrs. Esther C. de Vela-Vasquez, during this period, received a degree in Pharmacy from the University of San Luis Potosi. However, she has never practiced this profession. She was among the very few women attending the university at that time.

In 1928, their love for their, then, "little town," where they had many friends and relatives, prompted them to return to their home in Hebbronville, Texas. Dr. Vela-Vasquez practiced medicine here until his retirement.

He was also a Registered Pharmacist. Dr. Vela-Vasquez was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Washington Institute of Medicine, and the Dr. William Beaumont Memorial Foundation. He was also a member of other research, charitable and philanthropic organizations.

Dr. Vela-Vasquez died October 21, 1954. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Esther C. de Vela-Vasquez, and two daughters. Esther, who after graduating from Hebbronville High School studied nursing in St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Houston, Texas. She now resides with her husband, Dr. C. W. Albright (Ph. D.), in Charleston, West Virginia. Raquel, who graduated as Valedictorian from Hebbronville High School worked several years as a civil service employee in Randolph Air Force Base. She is now County and District Clerk of Jim Hogg County and makes her home with her mother.



Showing C. W. Hellen, Sr., and H. C. Yaeger in Center.  
Left is Tom Stroman and Right is Major Stroman



From The Treviño Album



**MIGUEL DE LA GARZA**

#### **DE LA GARZA**

Don Hipolito Garcia, first owner of El Randado had one child, a girl named Margarita. She married Don Bernardo de la Garza and they had four children, Ygnacio, Rosa, Maria, and Miguel.

Miguel de la Garza was the father of the de la Garza's still living in Randado. Among them Rafael, who was a long time Hebbronville resident, when he was sheriff of Jim Hogg County. Today Rafael and his brother Miguel, Jr. are back in Randado ranching on the home place. Their mother and several sisters also live there.

Two more sisters live in Hebbronville - Mrs. Jaime Muñoz and Mrs. Armando Ramos.

Rosa de la Garza married Carlos Palacios and they had five children. For many years they lived in Laredo, but maintained their ranch, San Raafel, in this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Palacios are now dead, and Carlos, Jr. who is Postmaster at Laredo, Texas looks after the ranch. It is well supervised and raises fine stock.

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#### **MR. TOMAS BARRERA**

Mr. Tomas Barrera was a pioneer farmer and cattleman of Jim Hogg and Duval Counties. He married Adela Salinas and had two children, Isaura who married Mr. Adalberto A. Martinez and Armando who married Clara Dickinson of Laredo, Texas.

Mr. Barrera was also one of the founders of the Colegio Altamirano, which was one of the first schools in Jim Hogg County.

Descendents of the following PIONEERS still reside in the County:

Elcuterio Almaraz, Juan Almaraz, Jesus Maria Garcia Martinez, Josefa Meza, Genovevo Ramos, Romulo Ramos, Severiano Moreno, Pedro Moreno, Arcadio Hernandez, Guadalupe Garibay, Epigmenio Herrera, Tomas Ramirez, Eustacio Montalvo, Eduardo Montalvo, Alonzo Montalvo.

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#### **JOSE ANGEL SOLIZ**

Mr. Jose Angel Soliz was a pioneer who drove cattle for many a rancher in the early days. He also had a grocery store with his son Salome. Survivors of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jose Angel Soliz are Juan, Mike and Mrs. Antonio Treviño.

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#### **NABOR GOMEZ**

When speaking of pioneers, the name of Nabor Gomez comes to mind. He had a distinct place in the early history of our town. This quiet and simple man moved with his family in the early part of 1900 to the tiny village of Hebbronville.

He married Leonarda Trejo and built a modest home on the present site of the First National Bank.

He was employed at the Court House to take care of the building and its offices.

His eldest son, the late Alfredo Gomez was born at Peña on November 17, 1886. In 1911 Alfredo married Rafaela Guerra, and in 1913 he became the first Justice of the Peace in the newly created Jim Hogg County. He served in this capacity until 1919.

Alfredo had six sons and two daughters. One son, Leopoldo is presently serving as Tax Collector for the Independent School District. Nabor owns his own cleaners establishment, Alfredo is employed at the Gulf Service Station, Rodolfo and Horacio are engaged in diverse occupations, and Arnoldo was killed in action in the European theater in World War 2. His daughters are Miss Angelina Gomez, who lives with her mother, and Mrs. Humberto Martinez, who lives in Alice, Texas.

#### **HOUGHTON-ALLEN**

Mr. John Houghton of Austin, Texas purchased the Viscaya Ranch about 1900, and hired as his first manager, E. R. Jenson. A little later Jim Hardcastle took over in this position, where he remained for some years. Many fine cattle were sold from this ranch.

In 1905, Josephine Houghton, a daughter, was married to Wilbur P. Allen. They had three children, John Houghton, Wilbur and Florence. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Allen married Mary Ruth Murphy of Laredo, Texas and they had two sons, Thomas Murphy and William.

It has been sometime since any of the family made their home on the ranch, but the Jesus Maria, down Randado way is one of the best known ranches in this locality. The house is "castle-like" and is visible from the highway and many people have ridden out just to see this home.

Today the property belongs to Thomas Allen, who makes his home in Corpus Christi, but is often in and around Hebbronville tending to his local affairs.

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## Hotel Viggo

A landmark in our town is the Viggo Hotel, shown in these pictures. It was built for Viggo Kohler in 1915. Mr. C. F. Luque was the original builder; Mr. Joseph Gruy added south wing. Today the fireproof edifice is modernized to today's life, but the hospitality is the same.



VIGGO HOTEL IN 1927

VIGGO HOTEL JUST AFTER BEING COMPLETED IN 1915 (NOTE THE COURT HOUSE FENCE IN FOREGROUND, AND NEW SODDED LAWN, AND HACKBERRY TREES.



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## MR. & MRS. D. D. DAVID

Dudley Dean David, a pioneer resident of Hebbbronville and Jim Hogg County was born April 25, 1874 on the David Ranch in Live Oak County, near Beeville, Texas. "Uncle Dud", as he was affectionately known, in his later years, came to Hebbbronville in 1898. He was first employed by R. H. McCampbell, as a stage coach driver on the line that ran from here to Rio Grande City. One of the stops on the stage coach run was at the El Sordo Ranch, south of town.

Later on, Mr. David went into business for himself by purchasing a water well drilling machine. This was a very necessary business in the early days here as there was no other source of water available for human or livestock consumption except from wells.

In 1900, Mr. David returned to Live Oak County and there on March 28th married his boyhood sweetheart, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Gill and brought her to Hebbbronville in a "wagon and team of horses", along with all their household possessions. Mrs. David always accompanied her husband on his water well drilling excursions which sometimes lasted for weeks or months depending on how hard the caliche was or how far down it was to a good water sand. When they were "on location" drilling a well, the Davids made their home on the spot, in a very large tent, with built up wooden sides and floor and screened, as protection from the wild animals, often rabid, that prowled about. The tent contained a double "bedstead", a cast iron wood burning cook stove, table and chairs and trunks for storing their clothing, bedding and linens.

On Jan. 24, 1904, the David's oldest daughter, Eavie (now Mrs. Tom Brady of Carrizo Springs) was born in San Diego, Texas. Mrs. David resided in San Diego for three months prior to and after, their daughter's birth, as Dr. J. S. Strickland was the closest medical doctor to Hebbbronville, at that time. After the birth of their daughter, the Davids gave up their nomadic way of living and settled down on some state land about 6 or 7 miles southeast of Hebbbronville. Here they built a comfortable L shaped frame house.

The David ranch was noted far and wide for its hospitality. The welcome mat was always out for friends and traveling strangers alike, to stop over night, to stop and pass the time of day or to share a meal at the dinner table. "Aunt Bettie", as she was known to so many, had the reputation for "setting a good table" and no one left the David ranch hungry. Aunt Bettie's corn bread and apple pie were famous for years in this part of the country.

It was while the Davids were living on their ranch that Jim Hogg County was organized in 1913 and their ranch was in the new county. It is interesting to note that without moving from their ranch home, the Davids lived in four different counties: First they were in Starr County, then Brooks, then Duval and finally Jim Hogg.

On May 4, 1916 the David's second daughter, Thelma (now Mrs. Betty Hunter) was born on the ranch. By this time Hebbbronville was an up and coming young city with its own doctor! Dr. Thomas Stetson of Washington, D. C. and his family had recently moved to Hebbbronville and begun the practice of medicine. Now it was no longer necessary for localites to seek medical services in nearby towns.

Modern conveniences, such as the telephone, were also coming to Hebbbronville, and in preparation for the birth of their second child, Mr. David had a private telephone line run from town to the ranch at his own expense. Being a person who never did anything half-way, Uncle Dud also hired a man to be on duty at the telephone switchboard since the telephone, at that time was strictly

a "daytime" convenience. The man was hired a month in advance to be on duty every night so that he could relay the message on to Dr. Stetson that he was needed at the David Ranch. Ironical as it seems, the very night when the doctor was needed there was no response from the telephone office at the urgent ringing from the ranch. Uncle Dud finally came to town to get the doctor, himself. He first stopped by the telephone office to see what had happened to his man there and found him in a drunken stupor and sleeping it off!

In 1917, Mr. and Mrs. David sold their ranch to W. W. Jones, and they moved to town. Uncle Dud opened a garage, which was an up and coming business, with the automobile quickly replacing the horse and buggy. This garage was located across the railroad tracks, near where the old Thompson home stands today. At that time several of the towns most flourishing businesses were located here. The First State Bank was near. Across the road from the bank on the west side was a large building, still standing and occupied by Thompson's Hardware. Down the road to the west was one of the town largest business firms, The Edds and Acklen Lumber Co.

After a few years, there was a trend to "move over on main street", so Uncle Dud bought some property on this sandy thoroughfare and constructed a very large modern brick and sheet metal building for his garage. This is the same building occupied by The Hub Furniture Store today.

About this same time, Uncle Dud became Hebbbronville's first automobile dealer by acquiring the Ford Agency. In front of the garage was a modern "one pump filling station" featuring "that good Gulf gasoline".

Receiving a shipment of new cars (Model T8s) was a real thrill in those days. The cars arrived completely unassembled and packed possibly 6 or 8 in a railroad box car from the factory. The box car was placed on the siding nearest the depot platform and the crates containing the car parts deposited on the platform and assembled there. What a thrill it was as each Model T was put together and driven down the depot ramp! What a task, too, it was for the unskilled mechanic to put these complicated mechanisms together, always with advice and criticism from the sidewalk spectators who gathered to watch the "Jig Saw Puzzle Construction" of a Model T.

In a few years, Uncle Dud sold this garage building to Oscar Thompson, (who had decided by this time, that everyone was "moving over on main",) for his hardware store.

Uncle Dud then moved his garage farther up town to a site where the Manhattan Cafe now stands. At this time he acquired the Humble Oil Agency, both wholesale and retail, which still remains in the same family, being operated today by a son-in-law, R. J. Hunter.

Tiring of the garage and filling station business, Uncle Dud decided to return to his "first love", the ranching field. He remained in the cattle business then until his death in October 1948 at the age of 74. After her husband's death, Mrs. David, continued the ranching operations until ill health forced her retirement some four years later. Mrs. David passed away in Alice Texas, in December 1954 at the age of 72.

Uncle Dud and Aunt Bettie were life long members of the Baptist Church and both worked long and hard for the construction of the edifice which today is the First Baptist Church of Hebbbronville. Uncle Dud served the church many years as a deacon and both he and Aunt Bettie were pillars of strength to the church.

## DON SANTIAGO GONZALEZ

One of the earliest families that came to live in Hebbronville was that of Don Santiago Gonzalez and his wife, Elizabeth Douglas Gonzalez. Their home was the second house built in Hebbronville. Mr. Gonzalez was a well known teaming contractor. Mrs. Gonzalez operated a boarding house and found time to care for the sick of the community. They reared a large family, eleven children, all of them are well known citizens of the County: Willie, Ella, Dave (served as Deputy and Tax Collector), Elizabeth, Eula (served as County Clerk and Postmaster), Jim (served four terms as County Commissioner and is a popular merchant and civic worker), Eddie, Bryan, Joe, Laura and Alice. The parents and two sons passed away many years ago. Jim H. and Joe D. have remained in Hebbronville and are still active in community affairs. Recently, "Lizzie" (Elizabeth) returned to make her home here also.



## DON ROSENDO BARRERA

In 1897 Don Rosendo Barrera Guerra, with his bride of four days came to Hebbronville to accept the professorship of the newly opened school, The Colegio Altamirano. His teaching won such recognition that people from the surrounding area were soon sending their children in to the school.

Unfortunately, his career was a short one, for he died at the age of thirty-four.

He left as survivors his young wife and 5 small sons. His widow, Doña Virginia, passed away several years ago, and was a much loved member of the community.

His sons were Edmundo, deceased, who served for years as Justice of the Peace; Anibal; Ocampo, presently serving as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; the late Aris, a commissioner for 16 years and County Judge for five; and Rosendo.



## MRS. EUGENIO BENAVIDES

One of the best known and most beloved ladies of our community is Mrs. Eugenio Benavides, the former Herminia Muñoz. She was born in Mier, Tamps., Mexico in 1883, being an only daughter of Martina Peña and Gregorio Muñoz. In 1897, she and her widowed mother moved to Hebbronville.

After completing her education she taught school at Randado, Texas in 1910. In 1919 she married Mr. Eugenio D. Benavides and had two daughters and a son. These being Mrs. Lydia B. Lozano of Eagle Pass, Miss Maria Luisa Benavides, and Eugenio Benavides Jr., who was killed in training in the Air Corps during World War II in 1944.

This year, Mrs. Benavides, was honored by the Cenizo Garden Club as one of the Lovely Ladies at their annual tea.



## THE WEIL'S

Charles Weil of Corpus Christi, Texas acquired the old Palangana Ranch from the heirs of Luis Martinez about the year 1900. This ranch has always produced fine cattle. Mr. Jonas Weil, the son of Charles took over the active management of the ranch in later years. Today the Palangana is one of the best ranches in this county. It is managed by Alex Weil, a grandson of the original owner who resides in Corpus Christi, but is a frequent visitor in this area, and is most highly regarded by all.

## ZENON RAMIREZ, SR.

Mr. Zenon Ramirez Sr. was born in Ciudad Mier, Tamps. on June 23, 1884. He married Herminia Salinas and had four daughters and three sons. Five of his children still live. He spent his youth on Las Latas and La Salada Ranch where he had his grocery store. In 1914, he moved to Hebbronville where he went into the restaurant and hotel business. This hotel was located at the site of the present Central Furniture Store. Later on, in partnership with Mr. Jose A. Canales Sr., he owned La Competidora Dry Goods and Grocery Store as well as The Randado Gin which served the communities in Jim Hogg County for many years. Mr. Zenon Ramirez was known for his great sense of humor and as an honest and upright man who unselfishly gave his time and money for the betterment of his town and many friends.



## JOSE A. CANALES, SR.

In 1912, as a young man, Jose A. Canales, Sr., came to work for S. E. Garcia as a clerk in his Dry Goods & Grocery Store. Several years later he went into partnership with Don Epigmenio Herrera in the Dry Goods & Grocery business. This partnership ended, and he and Mr. Zenon Ramirez established the Randado Gin Co. and Dry Goods Store.

Later Mr. Canales established his own Dry Goods & Grocery Store. He not only was a merchant, but also had a part in developing the ranching industry and owned considerable property in this county.

Mr. Canales married Miss Idolina Salinas in 1914. They were parents of six children, Jose A. Jr., Maria, Berta, Gregorio, Hipolito, and Joel Canales.

He passed away in 1938. Part of his family still resides in Hebbronville.



## T. T. EAST

Another young rancher who helped to make our town a good one was T. T. East who came to this area in the early 1900's.

He married Alice Kleberg of Kingsville, Texas on January 30, 1915 and immediately after the wedding the couple came to the San Antonio Viejo Ranch in Jim Hogg County to establish their home.

They had three children, Tom, Robert, and Lica. Today Mrs. East and her children are still most actively engaged in ranching in this county where they have vast holdings. Mr. East was a Director of the First National Bank.

He died suddenly in 1943.

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**HEBBRONVILLE TEXAS**



MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. DINN

The John Dinn family ranch is located in Duval County, but during the years when the Dinn children were growing up and going to school they lived in Hebbbronville

Mr. Dinn died several years ago, but Mrs. Dinn stayed on in their old ranch home. (Mr. and Mrs. Dinn were honored by their children in a large 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the ranch several years before his death.)

Children are: Elvella D. Mann, Evelyn D. Mann, Mary Lee D. Schumacher, Jannelle D. Wallace, and J. Holmes. A daughter, Elizabeth D. Pearl, and a son John T., Jr., passed away many years ago.

A son, James Holmes Dinn and son-in-law Blackie Wallace now run the ranch. Their cattle are famous and they have continued to ranch in a way that would make any rancher happy.



#### LUM SAUNDERS

The Saunders' ranch is located in Brooks County, but Mrs. Saunders, and her son George, are still residents of Hebbbronville as they have been for 101 these many years. After the death of Mr. Saunders in 1946, George took over the management of the ranch and has improved

it in many ways.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders and their two daughters, take a most active part in affairs of this town and we're glad they call Hebbbronville "home."



#### ANASTACIO RAMÍREZ

Among the early settlers of Hebbbronville was Mr. Anastacio Ramirez (Tacho) who came with his family from Mier Tamps., Mexico in 1899. He was engaged in the grocery business. His store was located one block from main street. Some of his children were born here and those who survive him are Genoveva R. Flores, Lorenza, Julian and Maximiliano (Chano). Some of his grandsons in business are Tomas S. Ramirez (father of four popular Longhorn football players), Agustín Ramirez (trustee of Jim Hogg County School Board), Donato Flores (our Postmaster) and brother Avelino, Zaragoza Ramirez (Insurance man) and Ramiro Ramirez (Chico) (manager for Hub Furniture Co

Other highly regarded Ranches around Jim Hogg County are: Las Vivoras, used to be owned by Don Daniel Gonzalez, and his wife Margarita Montalvo Gonzalez. Their surviving four daughters are Anita, Leocadia, Aida and Emma; one son Alfredo T. Gonzalez.

Another such ranch is San Pedro, from where most of the Montalvo families came.

Another is La Salada, from where many of our citizens come, the Hinojosas, Gonzalez, Garcias, Salinas, and many others.

Agua Nuevo is where most of the Ramirez' come from.

# In Memoriam

When one lives in a small community such as ours, we get to know, personally, all our county officials. To each and every one who has served us in any way we express our thanks. In this issue we would especially honor those who served us long and well and are no longer with us.



**W. A. DANNELLEY**

No pioneer of Jim Hogg County was more interested in its organization, or served its people in so many capacities as W. A. Dannelley.

He came to Hebbronville when a very young man, as "Depot Agent" for the Tex-Mex Railway. At this time, Hebbronville, was shipping more cattle than any other point in the United States.

Soon after Mr. Dannelley's arrival here he was stricken with an attack of appendicitis. There were no cars in Hebbronville and only one mixed train a day which might have to stop enroute to load cattle.

To meet this emergency the Section Crew of the Tex-Mex loaded Mr. Dannelley, his wife and baby aboard the hand car and pumped him safely to Laredo.

From agent he moved on to various roles as Book-keeper, Merchant, Picture Show business, Co-Owner and Publisher of the Enterprise and others.

When Jim Hogg County was organized he was elected its first County and District Clerk and served fifteen years. He then succeeded A. M. Brumfield, as County Judge, and served for another twelve years.

He helped to promote and establish the Hebbronville Utilities and served a term as manager of the corporation.

During his many years of residence, he was dedicated to the County and its people as individuals. He wanted no honors, and sought no favors, but he was always willing to grant them to others.

His life of unselfish service was revealed in his last words—"I wish I could take all of you with me; It's so beautiful!"



**ALONZO TAYLOR**

For 23 years Alonzo Taylor was Sheriff of Jim Hogg County and when ever "law man" is mentioned, his name just naturally comes to mind.

Mr. Taylor was born in Goliad, Texas, on March 2, 1897. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and in 1917 he entered military service as a member of Company A of the Texas Rangers. He was stationed in Alice, Texas.

In 1922 he moved to Hebbronville where he became connected with the United States Customs. He continued in this service until 1927, when he resigned to accept the appointment to the position of Sheriff and Tax Collector. In 1928 he was elected to the post, and he served until his death on September 28, 1950.

Mr. Taylor was interested in ranching and was the owner of El Mesquite Ranch. His home was built around the old original ranch house whose walls were 2 feet thick. He always said he built the house for his friends as well as himself and truly he had many friends and much company.

He was known throughout Texas and Mexico as a breeder of quarter horses, and he loved a good, fast animal.

During his years as Sheriff, Alonzo Taylor never wore a gun; his presence was enough.

Truly he was all that a Texas Lawman should be.

## WILLIAM HENRY EDDS

William Henry Edds came to Hebbronville in 1896 and was a pioneer in both the ranching and lumber and cotton gin industries of the county. He was born at St. Mary's, Texas on October 13, 1868 and was educated in the public schools of Floresville. With his partner W. T. Acklen he operated a lumber company and a thriving gin, the largest one in Hebbronville.

In 1902, he married Retta Bohle and they had one son, George.

Their lovely home, which was a show place when it was built in 1909, was the scene of many hospitalities. The house was surrounded by some of the prettiest trees here about, and every room of the large rambling structure opened on the porch. Unfortunately, it burned to the ground a few years ago.

Mr. Edds was Chairman of the Democratic Committee, and Vice-President of the First National Bank.

He was a member of the Blue Lodge of Hebbronville, Shrine and Consistory at San Antonio and was a York Rite Knights Templar. For many years he was President of the School Board.

He died June 29, 1927. Mrs. Edds and the son, George continued to live here until their respective deaths.

George was survived by his wife, Virginia Stetson Edds and two children, Henry, and Mary Edds. They no longer live in Hebbronville, Mrs. Edds is in Corpus Christi, Henry is living in California and Mary is now Mrs. Joseph Armisted of Lawton, Oklahoma, but Hebbronville claims them still!

COMPLIMENTS OF

**UNITED  
GAS**  
SERVING THE  
*Gulf South*

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS

## W. T. ACKLEN

W. T. Acklen came to Hebbronville in 1913 and played a vital part in the upbuilding of this area.

He and Mr. Henry Edds were partners in the Edds-Acklen Lumber Company and the Edds-Acklen Gin.

He served as Vice-President and a Director of the First National Bank.

Born in Hayes County, Texas October 4, 1877; he was educated in the public school of his native county and in 1900 he went into the mercantile business. For almost 14 years he operated the Beauty Mercantile Co., of Beauty, Texas.

In 1906 he married Miss Jessie Ann Edds and they had four children, Ann, Olynda, William, and Henry Edds Acklen.



## ASH AND OPHELIA

People come and go, and every one leaves a little as he goes along his way. Hebbronville has had only one permanent colored family and we want to recognize them right here. They are Ash and Ophelia Creacy.

Ash came to Hebbronville in 1927 and was employed by Mr. Johnson, working for American Service Company. The next year he went to work for W. E. Felton at the Home Ice Company. He is still there every day.

In 1928 the roads around here were mere trails and ruts, but Ash made his deliveries in all kinds of weather, and ice was not the only thing he delivered. He took medicine to the sick out on some oil lease, he carried a birthday cake out to some happy child miles from town. He brought in important papers and letters to mail for folks all over the oil patch. His run included Mirando City, Bruni, Oilton, Randado and as the fields were developed and spread out, so did his territory.

This writer talked to Ash and he said in those days, it seemed he had to stop every hundred yards or so to kill a big rattle snake.

It was wild country then, and Ash laughs now as he recalls a real scare he had. He was taking a load of ice to Zapata where a group of men stopped him. Ash didn't know the men and he thought they were bandits, but when they had searched him and he says "had their fun" they told him — they were Texas Rangers.

In 1942 Ophelia came to Hebbronville with her mother who was working at Mrs. Harper's Boarding House. Not long afterward Ophelia went to work for Mrs. Johnny Tuttle, of the Humble Camp at Colorado. She worked for Mrs. Tuttle for 2½ years. Since then she has worked for Mrs. W. E. Felton, Mrs. Clifton Davis and now she is employed at the Stockman Motel.

In 1947, Ash and Ophelia were married. For years she accompanied Ash on his deliveries around this area and when I talked to her she said, "We made many friends." Certainly this is true. No couple is more highly regarded in our town. They have never done anything but good for their fellow man.

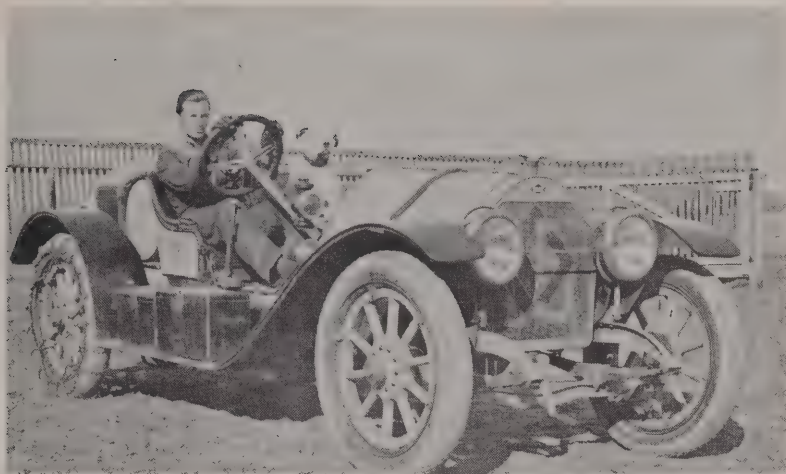
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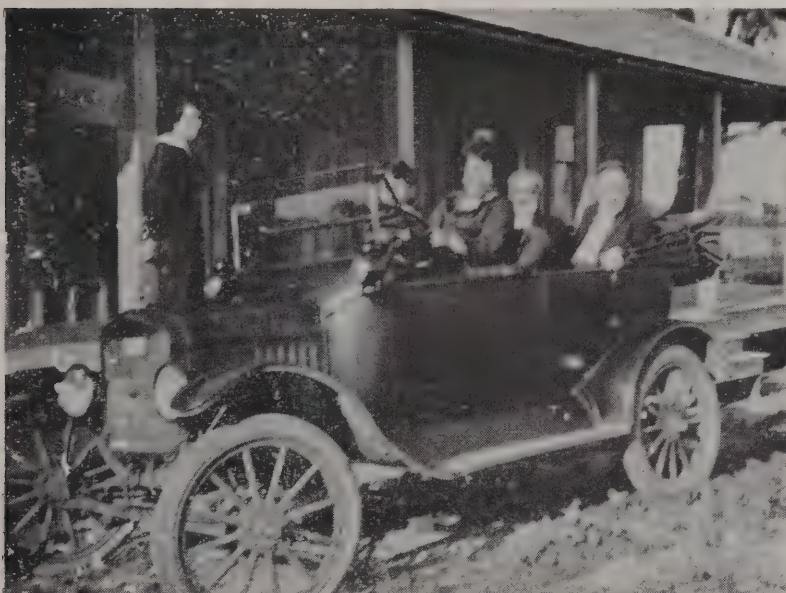
TEXAS



HENRY TIMBERLAKE IN TOM EAST'S STUTZ BEARCAT



LEFT TO RIGHT — MR. I. N. SEWELL, AND  
DAUGHTERS, HELEN AND GARLAND



1917 — THE TREVINO'S, IN FIRST FORD OWNED BY  
MR. NICOLAS TREVINO



MIDDLE MAN IS JOHN HINNANT; MAN ON  
RIGHT IS JOHN DRAPER



DR. THOMAS STETSON BY THE SIDE OF HIS NEW AUTOMOBILE

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#### DON JUAN VELA CUELLAR

Don Juan Vela Cuellar, one of the leading cattlemen of this area came to live in Hebbronville in 1910. He and his wife, Margarita Treviño de Vela Cuellar, had two daughters who were reared and educated in Hebbronville. They are Mrs. Delia M. Vela Vasquez and Mrs. Josefina Vela Peña, who with their husbands still own and operate their late father's interests.

# HEBBRONVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

1912 1963



L. to R. Seated. Warren Talley, Louis Armstrong, Robert McBryde, Jack Fulbright, Bob Becker.  
Standing. Austin Peay, Charles Schroeder, Alton Hafer, Ray Holbein, A. V. Summy, Travis Richardson,  
Otto Remmert, Job Currie, Jimmy Paul, A. P. Wedgeworth, Don Meyer, Edward Holbein.

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## DON FILIBERTO GUTIERREZ

Don Filiberto Gutierrez was a highly respected and prominent merchant. He came from Ciudad Guerrero, Tamps., Mexico, and was the son of Don Pedro Gutierrez Zapata, well known ranchman and owner of the Chancaca Ranch in Jim Hogg County.

He moved to Hebbronville in 1914 and installed a drug store next to Dr. Stetson's office on the Narciso Peña property. Later he changed to the Dry Goods business.

Don Filiberto married Miss Maria Benavides, their children were born and educated in Hebbronville; Aurelio, Romeo, Ninfa, Pedro, Delia, Filiberto, Amanda and Oscar. He was the only brother of Mrs. Sinecio Gutierrez, Jr. and Mrs. Alfonso Garcia Peña. His nieces and nephews being Gloria, Alfonso Jr., Anibal, Raquel and Roberto Garcia; Roberto and Chavelita Gutierrez.

After he passed away on April 10, 1926, his wife and surviving children moved away. One daughter-in-law, Mrs. Amanda W. Gutierrez still resides in Hebbronville.



## DON NICOLAS TREVIÑO

Don Nicolas Treviño and his wife, Milburga Vela de Treviño, came to live at the Mesquite Ranch in 1882. This land was granted to her grandfather, Trinidad Vela, by the Viceroy of Spain. In 1876, her father, Evaristo, built their home at the ranch.

Don Nicolas Treviño being a man of vision, and believing in the future of the territory, bought the land from the rest of the heirs of his father-in-law, Evaristo Vela. He developed the area for cattle raising.

In 1913, when Jim Hogg County was formed, Mesquite Ranch became part of Duval County, but the family had moved to Hebbronville by that time.

This marriage was blessed with nine children being: Aristeo, Margarita Treviño de Vela Cuellar, Eustorgio, Herlinda, Maria, Felipa T. Benavides, Adela, Adalberto and Adolfo. His love for the land was inherited by his children, as all of them have worked and lived at the ranch. Part of this land has being worked by five generations.



## ALFREDO MONTALVO

One who grew up with yesterday's pioneers is Alfredo Montalvo. After his parents passed away, he was placed under the care of Don Patricio Cruz, a distant relative. He followed his uncle's footsteps and assisted him in his chores. He went to school here and completed his education as an electrical technician through correspondence courses.

He married Jovita Cadena, daughter of the late well known ranchman in Duval County. He is engaged in some cattle raising. His children are four: a married daughter, two in college and the youngest is in High School in Hebbronville.

COMPLIMENTS OF

KATZ OIL CO.

## ANDERSONS

One of the most popular couples this area ever knew was Barney and Robbie Gene Anderson. Mr. Anderson was one of the early agents for the Texas-Mexican Railway was was once introduced as the man who had counted more cows than any other in this area, and as head man at a depot which was shipping more cattle than any other in these United States, it was probably true.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson had two children, Barney, Jr. who lives in Falfurrias and Pauline who died several years ago.

He was a colorful man who has been much missed since his death about 1942.

Mrs. Anderson was active in all the civic, social and church affairs of the town. She is now living in San Antonio where she is housemother at St. Mary's Hall.



## H. B. GUILFORD

Henry Boyd Vernon Guilford was the son of Mrs. Rueben Holbein, Sr. He came to Las Cuatas Ranch in this county as soon as he finished high school in Alice, Texas where he had been a star football player.

In 1913 he married Miss Kallulu Fly, and they continued to live on the ranch. They enjoyed the life of "young marrieds" of their day, often taking moonlight rides on horseback with other young ranchers and their wives, such as Howell and Mae McCampbell and Dick and Gertrude Jones.

Mr. Guilford was a tick inspector for the state, was a deputy sheriff, he owned a fleet of cattle trucks and owned the first Dodge Agency in this town. He served for many years as a member of the school board.

Before moving to La Mota Ranch, Mr. Guilford ranched in Randado on El Toro.

Mr. Guilford died in 1951. His wife continued to make her home here and took an active part in civic, social and church affairs until her death early this year.

The Guilford's had three children, Quita Mitchell, who owns and operates a gift shop here and is most interested in the town and it's progress; Boyd Guilford, Jr. a special investigator for the McAllen city police; and R. Dairon Guilford, a staff Sergeant in the Air Corps.

COMPLIMENTS OF

McBee's Humble  
Service Station

HUMBLE

HEBBRONVILLE

TEXAS



FRANCISCO BARRERA GUERRA

Francisco Barrera Guerra was born on September 11, 1898 in what is now Jim Hogg County. At the time of his birth it was still part of Duval County. He was the son of Francisco Barrera Guerra, Sr. and Pilar Gutierrez Guerra, two of the early pioneers of this part of the country.

Judge Guerra was educated at Holy Cross College, New Orleans, Louisiana; and he received his law degree from Houston University at Houston, Texas.

He was a practicing attorney and a member of the County Attorney's staff at Laredo, Texas. In the late 1930's, he returned to Hebbronville. He served as a member of the County School Board, and in 1940 he was elected County Judge. He held this position until his death.

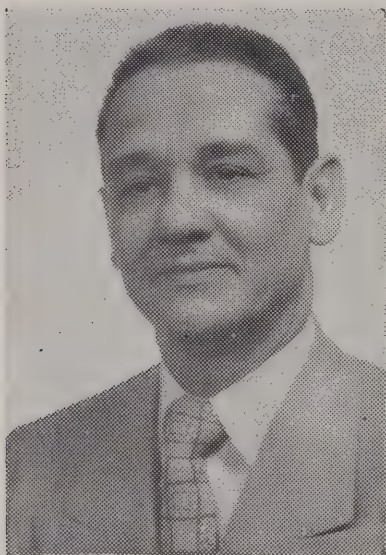
Judge Guerra was a man with a ready wit and was considered a most interesting conversationalist. He was married and the father of two lovely daughters. After his death, his family

moved to Laredo where they still reside.

His administration was noteworthy in many respects. He was instrumental in the passing of a bill in the State Legislature, creating a county wide independent school district thereby making more tax money available to the school system and thus insuring the continued growth of its building program.

During his tenure a road program linking Jim Hogg with Starr and Zapata Counties was started. This has been of great economic significance to the community. For the benefit of ranchers the road through the Thompsonville area was built and about this same time the majority of the streets of Hebbronville were paved.

Judge Guerra was one of the first to realize the importance of a paved route to the north, linking Hebbronville to Freer, and was working toward this goal when his untimely death occurred on October 26, 1956.



ARIS BARRERA

Aris Barrera was a man who needed no introduction. Through this entire area he was known by his first name.

His father was the first professor at the Colegio Altamirano, Don Rosendo Barrera Guerra, and his mother was always called Doña Virginia. Aris was born November 14, 1904, seven years after his parents arrived here.

In 1924 he graduated from Hebbronville High School and after a few years he went to Fort Worth, where he entered the Danforth School of Pharmacy. He graduated there in 1931. He was married to the young and lovely Leonor Cantu of Corpus Christi, who died in 1947.

He was County Judge from 1956 to 1961 and prior to that he had served for sixteen years as County Commissioner for Precinct 1.

During his administration many improvements were made in the county. He was a great booster of highway development and worked tirelessly for the Freer Road project. He was for anything that helped the people of this area.

He was respected and admired by all who knew him, not just here, but throughout the South Texas area.

As a member of the Jim Hogg County Independent School Board, he served from 1947 to 1956. He was at various times President and also Vice President of the Board.

He was Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, and as Coordinator of Civil Defense and County Disaster Relief, he was very active.

His sudden death from a heart attack occurred on August 25, 1961. So ends another chapter in the book of life within Jim Hogg County.

No history of our town would be complete without some mention of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank McGee.

No couple was more loved and respected, and probably no couple had more influence on so many.

Mr. McGee was the first Superintendent of the Independent School District, and Mrs. McGee came here as his bride to teach the first grade. She held that position for more than 30 years. Almost everyone in town has a close relative who got his start in school with this lovely lady.

Mr. McGee served as District and County Clerk for 10 years. He was most interested and active in all civic affairs.

Both were tireless workers in the Baptist Church and they are lovingly remembered by the entire county.



MR. AND MRS. J. FRANK MCGEE  
AND SCHOOL, 1922





**THE OLD NARCISO PENA STORE**

YEARS AGO WAS ONE OF THE  
MOST PROGRESSIVE MERCHANTS  
IN THE CITY.

A MEETING PLACE FOR ALL

**OTTO MIDDLEBROOK  
FORD MOTOR CO**

MR. MIDDLEBROOK IS SECOND  
FROM LEFT



**VIEW OF PARTS DEPARTMENT OF**

**KINSEL CHEVROLET CO.**

IN 1930

PICTURED ARE:

MEME LONGORIA (Left)

ARMANDO CANALES (Right)



**M. OSUNA'S  
MODEL GROCERY, FRUITS  
AND VEGETABLE  
MARKET  
ABOUT 1928.**

**EDDS AND WEAD  
HARDWARE**

**1930**

**TOMAS LONGORIA (Left)  
EUSTOLIO (Tolo) VASQUEZ, (Right)**



**J. H. GONZALEZ  
GROCERY  
MR. GONZALEZ, (In Plaid Shirt)  
ISIDRO VELA, (2nd, from Left)**

## THE TEXAS PAUL REVERE

The following history of our "Paul Revere" comes from files of the HISTORY OF VICTORIA COUNTY by V. C. Ross and "The Old Capital" (Newspaper) March 10, 1888.

Don Placido Benavides was a native of the sleepy village of Reynosa, Mexico, which is located on the southern bank of the Rio Grande.

Benavides was the god son of Captain Don Enrique Villarreal who had had him educated. In 1828, Benavides accompanied his two elder brothers to the newly founded village of Victoria in the State of Coahuila—Texas.

Benavides became a private secretary to Commissioner Fernando, who issued land titles to the settlers. Finally, land was issued to Benavides as a settler's right, and this grant was located on what became known as Placido Creek. His brother, Don Eugenio, also located his ranch there. Both brothers prospered.

In 1831, Benavides tired of being a bachelor. He married the comely Señorita Agustina de Leon, who was the daughter of the great empresario Don Martin de Leon. Don Martin de Leon was the founder of Victoria. In 1832, Benavides was elected alcalde of Victoria and was re-elected again in 1834, the year in which his famous father-in-law died.

On the main street of Victoria, Benavides built the famous Round Top House, which was constructed of hewn logs. When there were rumors of Indians being in the vicinity, the frightened citizens always sought refuge in the Round Top House.

Benavides and the citizens often made raids against the Comanches and Tonkawas. On one occasion, they captured 18 Tonkawa children, brought them to Victoria and had them baptized. It is not recorded whether the Indians remained civilized.

The Americans in Texas were becoming quite unruly. Back in 1830, the Mexicans had built a number of forts in Texas, so they could watch more closely the actions of the Americans. And in many forts, ex-convicts were employed as soldiers on duty.

Small wonder that the Americans rebelled. Then came news of San Antonio de Bexar, that Gen. Martin Perfecto de Cos and his Mexican Army were marching on the City. Any number of Mexicans in Texas frowned on the plans of Santa Anna and General Cos. Placido Benavides of Victoria was one. To prove his sincerity, he formed a company of about thirty Mexican ranchers and marched to aid the Americans. He held the rank of captain in the Texas Army.

After the surrender of General Cos in December of 1835, a great number of the Texas soldiers returned to their comforts of their humble homes. But there still remained in service at least 600 adventurous men from the United States and they were getting restless. They had left the United States where life had become too dull and tame, or where they were wanted to answer for their crimes. Texas had spelled danger and excitement to them, as well as asylum. They were ready for any plan that meant action, and preparations to repel Santa Anna's planned return to avenge the defeat of Cos exactly what they desired.

A regiment was being formed under Major Robert Morris. Frank W. Johnson was colonel and Dr. James M. Grant, lieutenant-colonel. Dr. Grant had been a wealthy Scotsman and, in the New Land, had become owner of an enormous estate at Parras, Coahuila. It was said that he had delusions of grandeur, but at all events, the Mexicans hated him.

This band began a march to South Texas, determined to beat Santa Anna to the attack. At Mission Refugio, the army came face to face with General Sam Houston and his small band. They informed Houston they were on the way

to capture Matamoros, but Houston refused to give the expedition his blessing. In an address to the army under Morris, Houston laid emphasis on the foolhardy nature of the undertaking and urged the men to stay with him for the defense of Texas. Some 500 men in the ranks left Morris and joined Houston's army. The others went on to San Patricio.

Meanwhile, Colonel J. W. Fannin, a West Pointer, had arrived recently at Copano Bay with his men after a journey by water. They were quartered at historic Goliad, badly in need of horses, good horses. A Mexican guide accompanying Grant's troop at San Patricio, learned of Fannin's predicament, and he persuaded Grant to lead his men to a point near the Rio Grande where a small company of Mexican soldiers was believed to be stationed with a large caballada. Why not capture these horses for Fannin and his men?

The plan worked. The Americans surprised the Mexicans in their camp and compelled their surrender. About 700 mustangs were taken in the raid and prisoners and horses were returned to San Patricio where Grant released the Mexicans. But there were still not enough men in San Patricio to make up an expedition against Matamoros. However, another raid on the border to capture horses was planned. It was foolhardy move, undertaken only because the men were becoming restless through inactivity.

This time their guide was a different Mexican who volunteered to show the men where there was a large caballada, larger than the one taken on the former raid. The men followed him willingly, but near the Rio Grande, their guide disappeared. He was a spy for the Mexican Army. But instead of making a cautious retreat, the raiders crossed the Rio Grande, captured many horses without the help of their guide and recrossed the river into Texas.

Night overtook them at picturesque Rancho Peñitas, said to have been the oldest village in Texas. The owners of the ranch welcomed the Texans with feigned friendship. A fat beef was killed and barbecued; Spanish songs were sung and music made for dancing. The Texans should have the best because they were so brave.

Brave? Certainly. A handful of 27 men had left their station and dared to invade the prairies of the Nueces Valley and the utter wilderness of the brasada and chaparral territory of the Rio Grande. And so the fiesta continued late into the night.

In the meantime, a troop of rancheros had slipped away reported the presence of the Texans to the Mexican Commander, General Urrea, then on the start of his invasion with an army of picked troops, bent for Goliad and the command he intended to wipe out. This was in February of 1836.

Urrea, receiving news from Ranch Peñitas, altered his course and swooped down on the unsuspecting band. No quarter was shown as the men were cut down even as they attempted to reach their stacked guns. But three men escaped. They were James Grant, a Colonel Brown and Placido Benavides. Placido, the best mounted and the best rider of the three was commanded by both Grant and Brown to ride ahead and spread the alarm.

Colonel Grant sped him off with the command: "Placido. Fly with the news to Colonel Fannin at Goliad." He dug spurs into his mount and was off, spreading the warning with every mile along the country-side until he finally reached Goliad, both he and his horse near death from exhaustion. It was the feat which was to earn him the accolade from historians as the "Paul Revere of Texas".

Placido Benavides had three children, all girls. They were: Pilar, Librada and Martanita. The Benavides and De Leon families later moved to New Orleans, although branches of the families stayed in Texas. Placido died in 1837 at Opelousas, Louisiana.

## Las Serenatas

It has been said that Hebbronville boasts of beautiful sunsets and moonlight nights. Taking advantage of this, the romantic young blades would get together in the middle of the night to serenade their beautiful Spanish Señoritas.

To their surprise, sometimes, an irate father would come out to see which intrepid young man was serenading his daughter. If the father approved of the young man, the Serenata continued, if not, the song was ended. Ah, but the memory lingered on.

Do You Remember . . . . . ?

### "MARIA ELENA"

Vengo a cantarte, mujer  
mi mas bonita canción,  
porque eres tu mi querer  
dueña de mi corazón.

No me abandones mi bien  
Que eres todo mi querer.

Tuyo es mi corazón  
Oh, sol de mi querer,  
Mi amor te Consagré  
Mi vida la embellece  
Una esperanza azul,  
Mi vida tiene un cielo que le diste fu.

Tuyo es mi corazón,  
Oh sol de mi querer,  
Tuyo es todo mi ser, tuyo es, mujer,  
Ya todo el corazón te lo entregué,  
Eres mi fe, eres mi Dios, eres mi amor.

—(★)—

### "LA PALOMA"

Cuando sali de la Habana, Valgame Dios,  
Nadie me ha visto salir si no fui yo.  
Y una linda Guachinanga alla voy yo.  
Que se vino tras de mi, que si señor.

Si a tu ventana llega una Paloma,  
Trátala con cariño que es mi persona.  
Cuéntale tus amores bien de mi vida:  
Corónala de flores que es cosa mía.

Ay, Chinifa que sí,  
Ay, que dame tu amor,  
Ay, que venie conmigo, Chinita.  
A donde vivo yo.  
Ay, Chinita que sí,  
Ay, Chinita que no,  
Ay, que vente conmigo Chinifa:  
A donde vivo yo.

Que te han contado fe contaré,  
Que los Austriacos te han regalado:  
Un papelito muy bien doblado.

—(★)—

Other favorites are: "Lupita", "El Venadito",  
"Pajarillo Barranqueño", "El Quelite", "Valencia", and  
"Guadalajara".

## "EL RANCHO GRANDE"

Aflá en el Rancho Grande  
Allá donde vivía  
Había una rancherita  
Que alegre me decía,  
Que alegre me decía,  
Te voy hacer tus calzones,  
Como los que usa el ranchero,  
Te los comienzo de lana  
Te los acabo de cuero.

—(★)—

### "CUATRO MILPAS"

Cuatro milpas tan solo han quedado  
Del ranchito que era mío, Ay, Ay Ay, Ay. . . .  
Y aquella casita, tan blanca y bonita  
Tan triste que está.

Los potreros estan sin ganado,  
Toditito se ha acabado, Ay, Ay, Ay, Ay . . . .  
La cerca de alambre que estaba en el patio  
Tambien se cayó.

Si me dieras, Morena, tus ojos  
Los llevo en el alma que miren allá,  
Los despojos de aquella casita,  
Tan Blanca y bonita, lo triste que está.

—(★)—

Other favorites are: "Ojos Verdes", "Adios, Mis  
Compañeros", "Maria Bonita", "La Tequilera", and "La  
Ranchera".

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Right: Deer hunt camp of an early year. Man in over coat is ? Mr. Henry Edds — and — ? — Man by horse is John C. Draper, Sr., Others are completely unidentified.

—(★)—

Below: on back steps of Hotel Viggo — L. to R. Robt. Hinnant; John Hinnant, unknown, and 2 unknown; and C. F. Luque. (From the album of Estelle Luque East. (Mrs. Charles )



Right: Chano Gonzalez and an unidentified man, after a big deer hunt — Note bobcat on top of vehicle — “Them were the days.”

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#### DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Did you know the first jail is still standing? It was in a part of the long stucco building east of the Plaza where the Garza's now live.

—(★)—

Young people are involved in nearly 29 percent of all fatal accidents.

Caution for our 50th Anniversary Celebration: drive carefully and protect our men and women of tomorrow.

—(★)—

Miss Pilar Garcia, sister of S. E. Garcia, was the Postmistress from 1911 thru 1913. She is now 90 years old.

#### DO YOU REMEMBER . . . ?

Do you remember when Mrs. Charles Hellen, Sr. used to be featured on the program at most all entertainments as a whistler? She had a very definite talent and was always called on when people gathered and music was in order.

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Mr. Hellen also loved music and as a very young man he bought a guitar at Randado and he used to rig up a wire some way to hold a harmonica in his mouth and then he would blow and strum at the same time, you might say, he had a “one-man-band.”

—(★)—

Do you remember the old ads in the stores? Fatima cigarettes. Wamba coffee, P. K. gum, hard candy in barrels. Not a bit of wax or foil paper — not a drop of Elmer's glue — no scotch tape. How DID they live?



## From An Old Cook Book

From an old cookbook printed before 1926 by the Parent Teachers Association of Hebbronville with the majority of recipes from local housewives:

But the one below (not local) caught our eye:

### TO PRESERVE A HUSBAND

Select with care; the very young and green variety are hard to prepare, but are often excellent when done; but will take a long time to cook tender. One neither hard nor soft will give best satisfaction. Do not keep in hot water even for a little while, as this toughens the fiber and often spoils the results. Never prick to test tenderness; this leaves a mark and they are never smooth afterwards. Even the poorer varieties may be made smooth and tender by the following method: Wrap in a mantle of cherify and keep warm over a steady fire of loving domestic devotion. Garnish with patience, well sweetened with smiles and flavored with kisses to taste. Serve with peaches and cream.

There were ads from: Oscar Thompson Hardware; Francisco Gutierrez One Price Store; Jose A. Garza, which stated "Country Produce Bought and Sold"; and the Hoffman Cleaning and Pressing Shop. From Hotel Viggo, Viggo Kohler, owner; Dr. Thomas Stefson; from Narciso Peña Store, read "We pay cash for hides, wool, cotton and all kinds of country produce"; Hopkins Filling Station; Jim Hogg County Abstract Company; A. M. Brumfield, Manager; from the Royal Cafe, who stated "everything good to eat for the ladies and gentlemen."

One from Gutierrez and Lopez, General Merchandise; Edds and Acklen Lumber Company, with yards in Hebbronville, Mirando City and Oilton; Meat Market, Martinez and Ramirez, owners. There were ads from "The Cash Store", Filiberto Gutierrez, Prop; and from Severo Peña and Sons, Dry Goods and Groceries. From Hebbronville State Bank, and the Hebbronville Gin Company.

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Do you remember when the Martinez family brought in the first Arabian horses? Everybody who could possibly do so went to see the beautiful thoroughbred animals. One reason no doubt for the fact that the Martinez's still have such fine stock.

# Good Eatin' --- "Panza Llena, Corazon Contento"



## RECIPES



### MENUDO

One panza, and feet.

Two small cans of hominy, one cup chili powder, two tablespoons garlic salt, four tablespoons of salt. Cook for four hours.

— Mrs. Calis Garibay



### BAKED GOAT MEAT

Add salt, pepper and flour to your roast. Put in pan, then add 2 cups water, have oven hot when meat is first put in. Bake for 30 minutes in hot oven, turning often. Add more water if necessary. Then regulate fire to an even moderate heat, and cook until it is easily pierced with fork. — From 1924 PTA cookbook.



### CABRITO

Half a small kid cut up. Fry in hot grease covered until almost cooked. Add 3 large onions chopped, 8 or 10 little pods of garlic cut fine or mashed in a cup of hot water, 1/2 a quart of hot water, 1/2 cup chili powder, salt to taste. When almost done, add 1/2 cup of flour to thicken. Boil slowly until well cooked. The more meat or the larger the goat, just increase your seasoning. — From 1924 PTA cookbook.



### FLOUR TORTILLAS (Tortillas de Harina)

4 cups flour, 1/3 cup shortening, 2 teaspoons salt  
1 cup warm water.

Mix first three ingredients and work together with your fingertips. Add enough water to make a firm ball of dough. Work on floured board until dough loses its stickiness. Shape into balls about the size of a small egg, cover and let stand about 20 minutes. Roll out into a thin circle and cook on ungreased griddle until brown. About 2 minutes on one side, one minute on other. Delicious when reheated and served with butter.

—Mrs. Lee Chapman



### MEXICAN RICE (Sopa de Arroz)

1 cup rice	1 pinch cumino powder	1 tablespoon
shortening	1 small can tomatoes	2 tablespoons
salt	1 onion	2 buttons garlic
water	1/2 green pepper.	4 cups hot

Brown the rice in the shortening and add onion, garlic, pepper and cumino. Add tomatoes, salt and hot water. Bring to boil and stir well. Reduce heat and simmer with cover until all water is absorbed.

Mrs. Roy Yaeger

### SON - OF - A GUN

1 set marrow gut	2 large onions	2 kidneys
3 garlic buttons	1 heart	salt and pepper to taste.

Cut marrow into pieces, and kidney and heart into cubes. Flour and fry. Add onions, cut into large pieces and garlic cut fine. When brown, cover with water and cook 3 hours. Sweet bread may be added 30 minutes before stew is done. — Mrs. James Barfield.



### PAN DE POLVO:

4 lbs. flour 2 lbs. pure lard 1 lb. sugar 1 lb anis tea

Cream pure lard, add sugar slowly, mix until well blended, add the sifted flour alternating with the anis to the sugar and lard mixture. Roll out on board and cut with cookie cutter, bake on ungreased pan for 10 to 12 minutes at 350. When baked, it should be light in color, cool and sprinkle in powdered sugar.

—Catholic Ladies Cookbook



### CALABAZA CON POLLO:

1 spring chicken	1 small onion (chopped fine)
2 cloves garlic	1 medium size pumpkin
tomatoes	1 cup
salt to taste.	

This dish is delicious if the pumpkin is very young and tender, and of course, the chicken must be spring chicken. Cut and fry chicken in the usual way until partially done. Add pumpkin that has been cut in small cubes, onions, tomatoes, garlic and a dash of black pepper and salt to taste. Add one cup of hot water, cover and cook until all is tender. — Catholic Ladies Cookbook.



### EMPANADAS:

Make a crust not quite so hard as for pies; put in a teaspoonful or more of anise seed, according to the amount of dough; pinch off a piece and roll out and fill with any cooked fruit, a dash of cinnamon; fold over one side of the crust, seal and bake. The anise seed in the dough is all that makes this different from your tart.

—Olivia Peña (Tilton)

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